

Margaret Cruising in the Indian Ocean

Friday
November the
18th
1836

Commenced with fine weather
At 8 pm finished cutting &c
All the middle and latter part light
Airs fair & calm but had blubber enough
Saw 2 fair & continued boiling to end the last
Lat 25° 54' S Longitude 58° 07' E

Saturday
November the
19th
1836

Commenced with fine weather continue
Boiling 2 ships in sight both boiling
At 6 pm saw whale heard got me
Took him along side and cut him up
At 12 M had him cut in saw several
Whales so end Lat 25° 40' S

Sunday
November the
20th
1836

Commenced with fine weather continue
Boiling At 1 pm heard struck & killed a
large cow whale spoke the Harriet
Belmont out of the boat 5 months out
1150 lbs At 6 pm hooked on to the whale
Found him to be a very fine cut down
From him After taking his head & side
All the middle part & latter part cut down
And and stored down to end Lat 25° 25' S

Monday
November
21st
1836

Commenced with rain & windy weather continue
Storing At 8 pm spoke the Hercules of London
At 10 pm 1/2 months out with nothing
On the report at 7 pm finished storing
Continue saying weather &c At 2 in the
Morning saw 2 whale from 1/2 miles off
Along side saw 2 ship boiling At 8 pm
Saw 2 gale with rain & continued boiling to end

Tuesday
November the
22nd 1836

Commenced with a strong gale with
Rain from S.E. & to up to the fore
Saw 2 ships in sight by the eye 1/2 miles off
At 6 pm finished cutting &c
A number of whales but too dark to
Saw broke out in the fore hole &
built a fine pen Nothing more to
End Lat 25° 03' S

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Wednesday
November the
23rd 1836

Commenced with strong gale from S
At 2 pm boiling headed to S.E. At 3 pm
saw 2 ship and headed to W. At 4 pm saw 2
Number of whales from 1/2 mile to 1/2 mile
Middle part finished boiling latter part
Commenced storing down saw whales
Saw but to no purpose as came board
So end Lat 25° 06' S Longitude 58° 00' E

Thursday
November the
24th 1836

Commenced with fine weather At 1 pm
Saw school of 4 hump whales heard 2 boats
One boat struck a right whale side him
but stove the boat the other two boats lost
After the right sperm whale one struck
A small whale All going very quick turned
up the small one took him along side and cut
him in saw right whale heard struck
& drew At 4 pm saw 2 sails to windward
Commenced boiling All the middle and
latter part fine weather finished storing down
Saw whales heard of 2 no success all
going quick to the S.E. so end Lat 25° 51' S

Friday
November the
25th 1836

Commenced with fine weather Commenced
Mending boats At 1 pm saw 2
Saw one 22' hump whale from 1/2 mile
On board finished boiling turned up 13 lbs
Sperm At 5 pm saw 2 ships pretty handy
At night saw one of their lights Middle part
Fine weather latter part got fast & 2 whales
Took both lost one and got 2 lost store
Commenced cutting saw sails Lat 25° 48' S

Saturday
November the
26th 1836

Commenced with fine weather 2 ships in sight
At 2 pm saw 2 ships in sight
At 8 pm commenced boiling with continue
Fine &c all the night and latter part
Fine weather 4 ships in sight at 11 pm
The Eagle cap Gardner 16 months out 1500 lbs
Landed with her continue boiling and mending
Boats to end Lat 25° 00' S