

Ship Martha's Log Book on A. Whal. Voyage in the Indian

Remarks on board Saturday 8th Oct 1836

Commences with moderate breeze from the Westward and fair weather got out Dly Gk Booms but the sail was set at 10 P.M. Wore ship to the NW Middle part squally at 7 A.M. Moderate Wind from the West, near off to the East so ends with fine breeze from the West

Obs. Lat. 35.30 S Long 54.4 E

Remarks on Sunday 9th Oct 1836

Fine breeze from the South by the wind to the Eastward Middle part Calms and squally at 4 P.M. but breeze from the NW here 10 P.M. by compass at 12 M. saw a seal on the beach near standing to the Eastward so ends with light air and fair weather strong SW by compass

Lat. 35.00 S Long 54.30 E

Remarks on board Monday 10th Oct 1836

Light air from NW and fair weather steering to the South - a ship in sight steering to the Eastward at 3 P.M. hauled to SE Middle part fresh breeze at 2 P.M. pursued a ship a Boiling, hauled to the Westward at latter part fresh breeze a very gentle so ends with strong gale two ships in sight one a cutting the other a sailing

Obs. Lat. 34.40 S Long 54.20 E

98 Days out

Remarks on Tuesday 11th Oct 1836

Strong gales from the NW at 2 P.M. wore ship to the NE two ships in sight at 4 P.M. saw a Right Whale Middle part moderate breeze from the West at 5 P.M. made all sail to the SE at 8 P.M. closed ship to the Northward so ends with Calms and a heavy swell from the West two ships in sight one a sailing

Obs. Lat. 33.47 S Long 54.39 E

Remarks on Wednesday 12th Oct 1836

Fresh breeze from the N by the wind to the East at 4 P.M. saw one Whale towards land but did not see him after 4 ships in sight at sundown took in sail hauled to the West Middle part very heavy gales from the North wore ship to the NE fresh breeze at 10 P.M. made all sail at 12 M. hauled to the South and made same sail so ends with strong gales from the West and a very bad sea two ships in sight

Obs. Lat. 33.33 S Long 56.40 E

Remarks on board Wednesday 13th Oct 1836

Strong gales from the W.S.W. by the wind to the South two ships in sight Middle and latter part fresh breeze from the W.S.W. and squally at daylight at 4 double reefed topsails steered E.S.E. so ends with strong Whales from the Westward and squally one ship in sight

Obs. Lat. 33.44 S Long 57.04 E

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99 Days out

Cecar. Charles Fisher Master October 1836

Remarks on board Thursday 14th Oct 1836

Strong winds from W.S.W. and squally running E.S.E. Middle part the same at 2 P.M. hauled to the South at 10 P.M. wore ship to the NW Middle part squally at 7 A.M. Moderate Wind from the West, near off to the East so ends with fine breeze from the West

Obs. Lat. 33.33 S Long 57.04 E

Remarks on board Saturday 15th Oct 1836

Moderate breeze from the SW at 3 P.M. raised Whales, found one small Whales took one of them to the ship and cut him in 2 or the notch head to the East by the wind Middle part fresh breeze from the SE at daylight made sail at 8 P.M. raised a gale of Whales towards and took two of them to the ship got all three boats stove to the Eastward

Obs. Lat. 33.43 S Long 59.16 W

Remarks on Sunday 16th Oct 1836

Fresh breeze from S.E. at 1 P.M. hauled on 3 carried cutting job had both Whales cut in at 12 midnight wore ship to the South at daylight wore round to East employed Boiling and repairing Boats at 12 M. wore ship to the North so ends with fresh breeze from the West

Obs. Lat. 33.43 S Long 59.50 E

Saw a number of Whales this day 100 Days out

Remarks on board Monday 17th Oct 1836

Fresh breeze from the Eastward by the wind to the North employed Boiling Middle and latter part strong winds from the Eastward at 10 M. wore ship so ends employed Boiling & drying oil heading to the South under double reef main top sail saw Whales & black fish

Obs. Lat. 33.22 S Long 59.32 E

Remarks on board Tuesday 18th Oct 1836

Fresh breeze from the South heading to the South under short sail employed Boiling Middle part the same squally at 8 P.M. framed steering oil in main hole at 7 M. wore ship finished boiling so ends with fresh breeze from S.E. and rain squally

Obs. Lat. 33.13 S Long 60.10 E

Remarks on board Wednesday 19th Oct 1836

Moderate breeze from the S.E. and cloudy by the wind to the NE under 1/2 top sail employed steering board at 7 P.M. had all cut two cobs steered on they lay to at 10 P.M. wore ship to the SW Middle part moderate at daylight made sail at 7 A.M. hauled for Whales killed one which was with 2 boys & came at 11 so hauled and one took a Whale to the ship & killed one man but could not get him so ends with fresh breeze from the N.W. one ship in sight

Obs. Lat. 33.26 S Long 60.30 E

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