

Ship Martha's Log Book On A Whaling

Remarks on Saturday 12th November 1836.

Moderate breezes from the N.W. by the wind to the S.W. with 8 ships in sight to the leeward, at 1 P.M. run off to the North saw a ship a Whaling; so ended with light air and a breeze.

35.41.08 64.00 E

Remarks on board Sunday 13th Nov 1836.

Commenced with very light air from the West, at 3 P.M. spoke ship Liverpool & Wright Whales at 5.00. Sailed for a whale with no success. Middle part at 10.00 had a whale long side the ship. Landed Cutters & so ended with strong ship Liverpool & Am. Whales in sight. Light air and a breeze the other Whaling Obs. Lat. 33.29.52 64.20 E

Remarks on Monday 14th Nov 1836.

Moderate breezes from the East at 1 P.M. had our whale cut in & made all sail to the South at 3 P.M. hove to for a whale at 4.00 took him to the ship. Commenced cutting at 4.00 had him cut in at 9.00. The whale commenced boiling. Middle and latter part light air from the N.E. at 10.00. Landed Cutters & so ended with light air and fair weather employed Boiling two ships in sight.

35.06.8 65.01 E

Remarks on board Tuesday 15th Nov 1836.

Moderate breezes from the N.E. employed Boiling at 1 P.M. hove to for a whale at 4.00 took him to the ship & cut him in & set the work a going again. Moderate breezes from the North through the night at 9.00. Landed Cutters & killed a whale and took him a long side so ended with moderate breezes from the N.W. employed Boiling. Two ships in sight boiling. Obs. Lat. 33.43. 65.19 E

Wednesday 16th Nov 1836.

Moderate breezes from the N.W. employed Boiling. at 1 P.M. hooked on and cut in the whale and made all sail at 4.00 hove to and killed a whale which sent to the half of two lines and four fairs. Middle and latter part moderate with some rain employed Boiling & storing oil in the fore hold two ships in sight a Boiling. Obs. Lat. 33.46 64.46 E

Thursday 17th Nov 1836.

Light air from the South and fair weather by the wind latter west at 4 P.M. saw a whale which shot with 10 fairs one line and half but of line. Light air through the night at 1 P.M. spoke ship from the N.W. at 10.00. Landed two boats for a school of sperm Whales & fastened to one and killed him took him to the ship & set him to boiling blood which went off with the school. Whaling Boat fastened to the whale spout my blood but how to cut from him so ended with strong winds from the North thick & raining.

30 35.47.8 64.29 E

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Remarks on Friday 18th Nov 1836.

Fresh breezes from the N to N.W. thick and raining; at 1.00. Commenced cutting the whale and boiling; at 3.00. had the whale in took in sail head to the Westward. Middle and latter part moderate evening from the S.W. employed Boiling at 10.00. Landed for a whale with no success. Three ends three 24 hour heading to the S.W. the wind two ships in sight Liverpool & Am. Whales. Obs. Lat. 33.53 S 64.00 E

Saturday 19th Nov 1836.

Moderate breezes from the South at 4 P.M. hove to for Whales; part 3.00. took two of them a long side. Cut one of them in and went to Boiling, the sperm whale at 8 P.M. took the same at 10.00 hooked on and cut in the side so ended with light air from the N.W. and fair weather employed Boiling two ships in sight 36.19.3 60.41 E

Sunday 20th Nov 1836.

Moderate breezes from the N.W. and fair weather employed Boiling and storing oil in fore hold. Middle and latter part fresh winds from the N.W. at 7.00. Spoke ship Immensee & Lander 24 hours on - 3000 lbs. so ended with fresh winds from the N.W. and evening employed Boiling and storing oil in fore hold.

36.00.3 63.04 E

Monday 21st Nov 1836.

Commenced with fresh breezes from the N.W. by the wind to the W.S.W. employed Boiling. Middle part thick & raining and hove to leeward in the fore hold at 7.00 finished boiling & fleeced water between decks so ended with fresh gale from the S.E. thick & raining.

36.40 62.56 E

Tuesday 22nd Nov 1836.

Commenced with strong gale from the S.E. thick and raining. Spoke out again the 10 to 10 down when it came on to rain hard, hooked off storing. Middle and latter part strong gales from the South at 10.00. Landed 24 hours on in fore hold. Spoke ship at 10.00. More ships to the West employed Boiling. Obs. Lat. 36.00 63.00 E

Wednesday 23rd Nov 1836.

Strong wind from the South by the wind to the N. and to the W. at 1 P.M. hove to for a whale ship to the S.E. Middle and latter part more moderate at 10.00. Landed sail to the South & began to store down in our main hold at 11.00. Landed by the South so ended with fresh breezes from the S.E.

Obs. Lat. 36.07 Long 64.00 E

Three miles with 10 fairs. Obs. Lat. 36.00 E