

Ship Martha's Log Book On A Whaling Voyage

Remarks On Tuesday 8th December 1831,
came, with fresh winds from the NW at 3 P.M. hauled
to the S.W. & doubled the Cape, sail, Mired, past fresh breeze
later part with the same saw one white whale a very
quick to the mindward & a good number of the best
So & on this day with fresh breeze from the NW we
to the N.W. employed Boats, &c. L.H. 3 M. 30 S

Remarks on Wednesday 7th 1827
Fresh breeze from the Westward & the wind
rather southerly at 2 P.M. finished coaling and
stowed a cask of oil in main bottom
Middle and latter part wind from the N.W. in
the evening 4 ships in sight so early stowed down the
Remainder of the oil (C) 1st 38th S. Long 48.44.0

Thursday 8th Dec 1834
fine breeze from the N.W. & the wind to the S.W. at 1 P.M. spoke Ship Washington Northward 8 to 10 miles. Middle and latter part the same. So E. wind with fine breeze from the N.W. by the wind to the N.E. a number of ships in sight but no whaling boats. 8 to 10 miles

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Fine breeze from the N.W. and smooth sea. The wind to the eastward at 4 P.M. with double reef topsails but it soon came on to blow fresh fore & mizen top sails, & double reef the main. Three ships in sight 50 miles with heavy gales from the Northward. Obs. Lat. 33° 25' - 61.00 E

Saturday 10th Dec 1836.
Strong gales from the North and S.W. by N.E. & S.E.
Spent ship Liverpool of Wilmington, N.C.
Middle part strong, gales & rainy, latter part moderate
breeze from the S.W. & heavy, swell from the N.
at 8 P.M. lowered and closed a whole until 1 P.M.
with no success. So early with two ships in sight at 3 P.M.

Sunday 11th Dec 1835
 Comes with fine breeze from the NW at 2 PM
 lowered stanch two blackfish & lost them at 8 PM
 lowered and fastened to a whole store the boat
 it soon came on to blow very heavy from NW lost
 the boat entirely in taking him in at 8 PM had two
 head to the North under a last report from top & the
 middle and latter part heavy gales from the N.W. (the
 going) to under short sail at 3 PM were ship to the East
 and ship in sight going too lat 38 N & Long 81 W - E

San Indain Ocean, Charles Fisher Master 1834.
Remarks On Monday 12th Dec 1834

Comes with strong gales from the Westward
and Corey had the lying too head to the South
under close reefed main topsail & spinnaker and ship
in light. Middle & latter part heavy gales from the
N.W. lying to head to the S.W. under short sail. Ch. L.A. 3843

Remarks On Tuesday 13th Dec 1831. 61562
Strong gales from the N.W. & S. winds at 3 P.M.
set the fine sail. Middle part the same latter
part the same to Encls with strong gales from
the N.W. to S.W. no Whales nor signs of 42 Hales.
Obs. Lat. 38° 45' Long 110° 47'

Remarks On Wednesday, 14th Dec. 1881,
Strong wind from the S.W. at 2 P.M. rose S.W. & the
N.W. and rose still to the N.W. Middle and later part
Very light air from the S.W. steering to the North
Obs. Lat. 38° 57' - 6119 E

Remarks on Thursday 15th of Dec 1830
Came with moderate breeze from the S.E.
steered with at 7 P.M. the main top sail
yard which was strong, gave way & went down
the yard round the reel in the top &c. Mitchell put
strong gales and thick & rainy at 8 A.M. fitted a main
top sail yard and sent it a loft & bent the sail & it
is double reefed so snug with fresh gales from the S.W.
& a very bad sea. No Obs. - 39.003 61.58 E

Remarks On Friday 16th Dec. 1836.
Commenced with strong gales from the S.W.
heaving to the S.W. under short sail at 4 P.M. & at the forenoon
Middle part the same at day light. Breeze moderate. Made O.L.S.
latter part moderate breeze from the N.W. and fair weather
at 10 A.M. tacked to the North - so every with light air saw our
Whale whole going very quick to the Westward
Obs. Lat. 39.38 Long. 66.40 on 12.15.6 Lin. 23

Remarks On Saturday 7th Dec 1835
Light air from NW by the wind to the
Westward at 4 P.M. saw a whole army, first at
the Westward, it was sure South a few tops only
by the wind to the West - clouds and latter part
fresh winds from the North by the wind to the N.W.
and N.E. towards far few clouds, but there were
a young Quail at the Westward. Clouds first
so early with strong wind from ~~SW~~ SE
Obs. Lat. 39° 48' Long. 66° 10' N. 164° 30' W.