

Ship Martha's Log Book On A Whaling Voyage

Remarks on Sunday 18th Dec 1836.
Strong winds from the North steering to the
westward under short sail at 4 P.M. spoke the ship
Spearhead of Boston north by Middle and latter part
Died moderate at 4 P.M. saw two Whales a young Quilt
to the Southward to end with fine breeze from
the North four ship in sight at 6.15. Lat. 38.08 S Long 62.27 E

Monday 19th Dec 1836.
Came with fine breeze from the North at 2 P.M.
Spoke the ship Mary of Edgartown 17 Whales of
Spinn Ship Sultana of 400 tons 1300
at 3 P.M. it came on to blow heavy rain to
the N.E. Middle and latter part heavy rain from the
N.W. to West at 4 A.M. wore ship to the S.W. Ship Mary in
S. Breeze with heavy gales from the Westward to the
to the S.W. Ship Mary in Co. Obs. Lat. 39.37 S Long 62.23 E.

Remarks on Tuesday 20th Dec 1836.
Strong gales from the Westward lying dead to the S.W.
in Co. at 10 P.M. main top sail & spinning ship Mary in
sight at 8 P.M. moderate Made sail and ran off to the
Eastward in Co with Ship Mary saw two finback
Obs. Lat. 39.24 S Long 62.30 E

Remarks on Wednesday 21st Dec 1836.
Moderate breezes from the North and fair weather
steering to the East in Co with Ship Mary -
Middle and latter part fresh breeze from the N.W.
in Co. at 10 P.M. light rain double reefed top sails & ran
to the Eastward in Co with Ship Mary no Whales
nor signs of them Lat. 39.37 S Long 62.29 E

Remarks on Thursday 22nd Dec 1836.
Strong winds from the N.W. steering S.E. Ship
Mary in Co. at 4 P.M. heavy gales from the N.W. & thick
fog too head to the N.W. Wind hauling to the West
Middle and latter part strong gales from
the N.W. to W. lying to head to the South Ship Mary in
Co. Obs. Lat. 40.08 S Long 62.34 E

Remarks on Friday 23rd Dec 1836.
Heavy gales from the Westward lying to head to the
South Ship Mary in Co. Middle and latter part
latter part light air from the N.E. steering
to the Southward in Co with Ship Mary at 9 A.M. low
for a Whale which was young Quilt to the Southward
41.16 S 66.55 E

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Remarks Onboard Saturday 24th Dec 1836.

Came with Colours at 2 P.M. lowered for a Whale
in Co with Ship Mary Mary Boat, saw one whole
Middle part moderate breezes from the North latter
part strong gales from the Northward to the S.W.
in Co with Ship Mary Obs. Lat. 41.45 S Long 67.11 E

Remarks On Sunday 25th Dec 1836.

Came with strong gales from the N.W. and
foggy at 2 P.M. saw a White Whale short necked
& by head to the Westward at 10 A.M. light the wind hauling
to the S.W. New ship at daylight made sail and doubled away
top sails & steered off S.E. at 9 P.M. hauled to the Westward
saw finback so early with strong winds from the
S.W. by the and to N.W. ship Mary in sight sailing
Obs. Lat. 42.07 S Long 67.21 E

Remarks on Monday 26th Dec 1836.
Strong winds from the N.W. by the wind to the N.W.
under double reefed. Middle and latter part fine breezes from
N.W. to S.W. at daylight made sail & ran to the S.W. at 9 A.M.
lowered for a whole killed & lashed him so early with fresh
breeze ship Mary in Co. Obs. Lat. 42.50 S Long 67.07 E

Remarks Onboard Tuesday 27th Dec 1836.

Fine breezes from N.W. and heavy steering to the S.W.
at 3 P.M. lowered for a whole with no success
Middle part fresh breezes and thick at 9 P.M. it lighted up
the air hauled to the Westward made sail by the wind to
the Southward at 8 P.M. with fine breezes from the Westward
weather Obs. Lat. 43.11 S Long 68.40 E

Remarks On Wednesday 28th Dec 1836.
Breezes from the N.W. at 1 P.M. lowered and killed
a whole took him to the ship & cut him in at 5 P.M. lowered
& pulled to the windward part and drew from him
Come aboard & took in sail Middle and latter part strong gales
at 7 P.M. the wind hauled to the Westward began to blow
heavy in squalls bore to head to the S.W. Ship Mary in sight
Obs. Lat. 43.42 S Long 68.51 E

Remarks On Thursday 29th Dec 1836.
Came with heavy gales from the N.W. at 6 P.M. wore
ship to the Northward. Middle and latter part the same
& at 10 P.M. wore ship to the S.W. saw with strong gales
from the N.W. ship Mary in sight at 6.15. Lat. 44.17 S Long 69.00 E