

Ship Martha's Log Book on a Whaling Voyage

Remarks on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1837

Five breezes from the North at 1 P.M. saw one Chisna  
Whales in Co with ships Mary & Columbia  
at 4 P.M. wore ship to the SW at 8 P.M. it came on to blow  
heavy from the NW saw a number of Whales but no  
rough for lower at 4 do for led for 8 seen at 9  
of lay head to the SW the ship in sight Obs Lat 37° 52'

Remarks on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1837

Strong gales from the NW before the fore sail at 7 P.M.  
Wore ship to the North, strong breezes from NW to N.W.  
at 8 P.M. wore ship to the Westward latter part strong  
winds from the North by the wind to the Westward  
Co with ships Mary & Columbia Obs Lat 40° of Long 70° 35' E

saw a number  
of Whales this day

Remarks on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1837

Strong winds from the North heavy to the west  
at 7 P.M. failed for 4 Mercur top sails & wore ship to  
the Westward fore sail saw two more Whales  
fresh gales through the night at 8 P.M. wore ship to the Westward  
so ends with strong gales from the North & thick & rainy

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Remarks on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1837

Quite moderate here from the North wore ship to N.E.  
Wind inclined to the Westward & thick unpleasant  
weather middle and latter part heavy gales from the  
N.W. and hail & snow squalls at 4 P.M. wore ship to the  
N.E. under old main spinnaker and lent a squall over  
so ends with heavy gales & squalls Obs Lat 42° of Long 70° 03'

Remarks on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1837

Strong gales from the N.W. and snow squalls  
bring too head to the N.E. under close reefed main  
top sails & spinnaker strong gales through the night  
at 8 P.M. wore ship to the SW so ends with fresh gales  
from the N.W. & thick Obs Lat 47° 50' 70 15 E

Remarks on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup>

Came with fresh breeze from the N.W.  
& thick at 3 P.M. it lighted up with double reefed  
top sails by the wind to the S.W. saw one whale  
going quick to the SW wore ship latter part  
Obs Lat 47° 31' Long 70° 18' E

Saw from fifty to  
one hundred Whales  
from 3 P.M. to night

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Remarks on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1837

Five breezes from the Westward by the wind to the North  
at 6 P.M. ship to the NW Middle and latter part strong  
gales from the NW and thick fogged under short  
Sail head to the N.W. Obs Lat 47° 28' Long 76° 00' E

Remarks on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1837

Strong gales from the NW under short sail head  
to the NW at 7 P.M. close reefed main top sail and  
fore sail middle and latter part strong gales & thick foggy  
heading in to the NW by the wind under short sail No Obs this day

Remarks on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1837

Fresh gales from the NW under short at 11 P.M. wore ship  
to the N.E. Middle part the same at 8 P.M. wore ship again  
at 2 P.M. it lighted up with wind hauled to the Westward  
Lat Obs 47° 31' Long 70° 34' E in air steady with east

Remarks on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1837

Strong winds from the NW by the wind to the  
North at 4 P.M. turned up out the fore sail  
Middle part quite moderate with single reefed top sails  
Wind hauled to West at day light turned out reef at 8 P.M.  
lowered & raised Whales but no success so ends by the  
Obs Lat 47° 31' Long 69° 51' E

saw a number  
of Whales going  
in for the land

Remarks on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 1837

Five breezes from the N.W. by the wind to the North  
Middle part the same latter part strong winds from West  
and squalls with hail & snow Obs Lat 48° 20' Long 69° 11' E

Remarks on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1837

Strong winds from the West and squalls by the wind  
to the Southward at 7 P.M. shotrid sail and wore ship  
to the NW Middle & latter part fresh winds from NW  
inclining to the North thick & rainy double reefed  
top sails by the wind to the Westward Lat Obs 31° S. 69° 46'

Remarks on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1837

Strong winds from the N.W. by the wind to the S.W.  
under short sail thick & rainy  
Middle part the same at 4 P.M. the wind hauled to the Westward  
latter part fresh breeze from the South the two  
ships to the Westward so ends with strong  
windy and rainy

Not by the day

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