

Ship *Martha* Log Book On Approaching Voyage In  
Remarks on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1837.

Commenced with strong wind from N.W. double reefed  
Obs. Lat. 34° 28' the topsails at 3 P.M. saw a gang of 10 or 12 seals  
long, 250 fms. away did not loavey hauled to the N.E. the wind  
2.54 P.M. commenced saw ship to the N.E. Middle part thick and rainy  
at daylight we were to the S.W. and hauled to the N.W. and  
and rainy seas with strong winds and very rough

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1837

Commenced with strong winds from the N.W. at 2 P.M.  
Lat. 34° 34' S. 2<sup>nd</sup> double reefed top by the wind to the N.W. at 2 P.M. new off  
Long 55° 15' W. to the Eastward. Middle part moderate wind from  
the Westward at day light made all sail stowed S.P. saw  
two ships standing to the S.W. so ends with light air from  
the N.W. steering S.E. 6

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept

Light air from the West & hauled south from  
the same at 4 P.M. lowered the 1<sup>st</sup> haly at 3 P.M.  
Obs. Lat. 34° 47' took one of them to the ship, hooked on one leg & that  
Long 55° 38' W. the blubber was bad at him lay for the night  
Middle and latter part strong gales from the S.W. to N.W. and  
squalls at 4 P.M. parted the back chain & the whale  
lost a drift 2<sup>nd</sup> the fore sail at daylight 2<sup>nd</sup> double reefed  
top sail, worked to windward in pursuit of the whale

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1837

At 3 P.M. raised the whale, towed up at 4 P.M.  
Obs. Lat. 35° 15' up to him and at 8 P.M. had him fast again by  
Long 55° 13' W. side the ship took in sail. Middle part fresh winds from  
the S.W. to South at daylight commenced cutting, at 9 P.M. the  
whale was made sail to the East found one of our pots was broken  
hauled it out & set another at 10 P.M. commencing boiling so ends with  
fresh breeze from the South

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 1837

Moderate breeze from the South by the wind to the West commenced  
Obs. Lat. 35° 33' S. Rainy. Middle part moderate at 11 P.M. the canvas hauled to the  
Long 55° 05' W. Northward steered S.P. under short sail. latter part strong  
winds from the N.W. by the wind at 1 P.M. commenced freshened  
boiling so ends with strong winds from the N.W.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 1837

Strong winds from the N.W. by the wind to the West saw  
Obs. Lat. 35° 48' S. at daylight 2<sup>nd</sup> double reefed top sails & more to the N.W. & D  
Long 55° 48' W. hauled water out of fore hold and steamed down the oil  
so ends with strong winds from the N.W. at 12 M. hauled  
had the oil down

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Remarks on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Fresh breeze from the N.W. by the wind to the Westward  
under short sail at sundown freshened S.P. & mizen  
top sails were ship to the N.E. at daylight 2<sup>nd</sup> double reefed top sails  
2<sup>nd</sup> ballast sail at 7 P.M. ship to the N.W. at 8 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> double reefed  
main sail so ends with strong winds from the N.W. & the  
wind to the West

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1837

Strong winds from the N.W. at 3 P.M. more ship to the  
N.E. at sundown freshened for 3 mizen top sails  
5 P.M. Middle and latter part strong gales from the N.W. at 11 P.M. more ship  
to the West so ends with strong gales from the N.W.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Strong gales from the N.W. by the wind to the North same what that  
changed with a bare squall. Middle part hauled at daylight  
a light breeze from the N.W. new off S.P. sent up four  
mizen top sails yards 2<sup>nd</sup> the sails latter part for breeze

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 1837

Very light air from the North steering East  
Middle part strong winds from North & mizen at sundown  
it began to blow heavy at 10 P.M. more ship to the Westward  
so ends with heavy gales from North by 10 miles. 2<sup>nd</sup> double reefed  
main top sail & 2<sup>nd</sup> mizen

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Heavy gales at 3 P.M. the wind hauled to the West was to  
Lat. 35° 17' the North. Middle and latter part strong gales from  
Long 55° 14' W. to the West. Middle part for heavy breeze  
17 P.M.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 1837

Commenced with heavy gales from the N.W. and a heavy  
Obs. Lat. 35° 33' S. swell from the Westward. Middle part wind hauled to the  
Long 55° 49' W. North coast ship Westward at daylight 2<sup>nd</sup> double reefed  
top sails by the wind to the N.W. so ends with strong  
winds from the N.W.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Commenced with strong winds from the N.W. steering  
Lat. 35° 54' to the West by the wind. Middle part rather more  
Long 55° 54' W. moderate wind hauled more to the West and thick at  
6 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> light. More sail & sent off to the S.E. at 10 P.M. made  
all sail so ends with fine breeze from the West  
& saw what ferry

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Moderate breeze from the West steering S.E. & 2<sup>nd</sup> double reefed  
Obs. Lat. 36° 00' S. Middle part rather moderate. latter part strong  
Long 56° 02' W. & thick rain. weather saw fresh