

Ship Martha Log Book On A Whaling Voyage.

Remarks On Sunday 22nd Oct 1837

Pleasant breezy from the West & some thin white
steering East at 4 P.M. spoke a Bark Newton 1700 lbs.
Middle and latter part moderate breeze from the S.W.
at Day light made all sail run to the Eastward at 3.00
lowered for two 1/2 hales chased with no success so early
with moderate breeze from the S.W. Work N in sight

7440
Bark Newton 1700 lbs
34003
04.40 E



Monday 23rd October 1837

Moderate breeze from the S.W. Steered to the East at 4 past
2 P.M. lowered for a gain of 1/2 hales killed four and 1/2 of them
three of them we took to the ship, but one of them in
put the flesh & chain on each of the other 1/2 then lay
long side, with success from the Westward during the night
at 10.00 hooked an 8 barrel cutter, at 12.00 killed an 8 barrel
Both in 80 ends with fresh wind & thick with a last sea, saw one
Whale at 10.00

Tuesday 24th Oct 1837

Gentle breeze from the West standing to the South and on
short sail employed Boiling, at 4 P.M. wore ship to the N.W.
Middle and latter part light air and variable at 10 P.M.
lowered and pursued to a Whale & drove it from him so early
with very light air & double employed Boiling, &c

Lat 33.14 S
Long 64.00 E

Remarks On Wednesday 25th Oct

Came with very light air from the N.W. on different tides
employed Boiling, Middle and latter part fine breeze from
the N.W. at 4 P.M. wore ship to the N.W. at 7.00 P.M. chased
oil in after hole stowed down about 9.00 at 10.00 lowered for
Whale with no success, so early employed Boiling & stowed down

Lat 33.33 S
Long 72.00 E

Thursday 26th Oct 1837

Came with fine breeze from the N.W. by the time to the S.W. in
Boiling, at 4 P.M. spoke ship Wm Barker of Warrimoo 700 lbs
at 7.00 wore ship. Middle and latter part fine breeze from
the N.W. at 7.00 finished Boiling, at 8.00 lowered for
him so early ship Wm Barker in sight

Lat 33.21 S
Long 74.45 E

Friday 27th Oct

Fresh breeze from the N.W. at 2.00 P.M. lowered for two Whales
Porter at end of them brief did not fester come on bed of
to the S.W. at 4.00 P.M. spoke ship Wm Barker of Warrimoo 700 lbs
up saw a Whale lowered for him but it was in view
thick & raining, saw last light of him so early with fresh
breeze from the N.W. by 4.00 P.M. spoke ship Wm Barker in sight
at 4.00 P.M. spoke ship Wm Barker of Warrimoo 700 lbs

Lat 33.41 S
Long 74.33 E

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In The Indian Ocean Charles Fisher, Master, 1837.

Remarks On Saturday 28th October

These 24 hours calm, breeze with fresh wind from the N.W.
By the wind to the N.W. employed Boiling, from 4.00
7440 E Middle and latter part strong gale at 10.00 P.M. wore
Ship to the South at 7.00 P.M. stowed the remainder of the
oil below, so early with strong gale by 10.00 P.M. double
upper main top sail & spinnaker

7440 E
7450 E

Sunday 29th October

Came with strong gale from the West-Breeze led
The Bone stowed in balance took the sails in the
Laet Room and got ready for stowing coals in it
at 7.00 P.M. wore ship to the N.W. Middle and latter part
fine breeze from the N.W. at 7.00 P.M. lowered for a gain of 1/2 hales
pursued two different times and drove from them so
early with last sea and from the N.W.

Lat 33.29
7450 E

Monday 30th Oct

Came with fine breeze from the N.W. at 4 P.M. lowered
for a whale at 10.00 P.M. wore ship to the N.W. of course
from the N.W. Middle and latter part fresh breeze
from N.W. to N.W. at 3.00 P.M. hooked an and cut in the
Whale made sail to the N.E. by the wind so early employed
Boiling, &c and ship in sight showing fresh bottom

Lat 33.57 S
7528 E

Tuesday 31st Oct 1837

Came with fresh breeze from N.W. by the time to N.E.
employed Boiling, & spoke ship Wm Barker of Warrimoo 700 lbs
put a whale cut found it to be a small calf.
Middle and latter part strong gale from the North by the
wind to the westward employed Boiling, at 12.00 P.M. finished
Boiling, and ship in sight

7540 E

Wednesday 1st November 1837

Came with fresh breeze from the N.W. at 2.00 P.M. the
wind hauled to the west and ship to the North West
of rainey, found one of the bottles broken (Bad and leaking)
spoke ship Wm Barker of Warrimoo 700 lbs, Middle and latter part
fresh breeze from N.W. at 7.00 P.M. lowered for a whale
stowed the oil & came up taking up shoes, so early with
wind to the North & N. saw nothing

Lat 33.55 S
Long 75.25 E

Thursday 2nd Nov 1837

Came with fresh breeze from the West on ship in
sight by the wind to the S.W. Middle and latter part strong
breeze from N.W. to N.W. at 8.00 P.M. lowered for two Whales
at 9.00 took one of them to the ship & cut him in
so early with strong gale from N.W. heading to the
S.W. under short sail

33.40 S
75.19 E

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