Ship Martha's Log Book On A Whaling

Remarks On Wednesday 8th Nov 1837

Pleasant breze from the S.W. at 1 P.M. saw a Whale at 4 P.M. took him to the ship & cut him in Made Sail to the West and sail in sight

Lat Obs 33.55 Middle & latter part strong gales from the West and at 8 P.M. began to Boil oil and up ships South so end with strong gales from N.W. employed Boiling & setting up Shook

76,00

Thursday 9th Nov 1837.

Lat 34.04 Strong gales from the N.W. at 2 P.M. put to fore & mizen topsails & lost reefed main at 4 P.M. layed to fore sail and cooled down the works & at all the Shook & set up

76,2 Middle and latter part fresh gales from W.S.W. coopered and stowed down about 70 bbls oil in the Stearage so ends with strong gales and a bad sea

Friday 17th Nov 1837.

Comes with fresh winds from the West and fog squalls at 6 P.M. furled sloop down & commenced Boiling one Ship in sight to leward Boiling

At 11 P.M. a Ship passed steering to the Eastward Middle & latter part strong winds from the S.W. & S.S.W. to the S.W. at 10 A.M. lowered for two Whales took one of them to the Ship & cut him in

50,19

Saturday 18th Nov 1837.

Comes with strong winds from the N.W. & heavy at 8 P.M. had the Whole in fogg squalls

Middle and latter part strong gales from the N.W. and rainy so ends with strong gales & rain to the and to the S.W. under Short sail

3,46 S 76,19

Sunday 19th Nov

Comes with fresh gales from the N.W. thick & rainy at 2 P.M. the wind hauling to the S.W. wore ship to the N.W. Made sail at 3 do it lighted up Commenced Boiling

Middle part thick with rain

latter part strong gales from the S.W. & the wind to the N.W. employed Boiling & coopering oil to stow down

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Monday 20th

Obs Lat 33.11 Strong gales from the W.S.W. hauled to the N.W. under Short sail at 10 P.M. finished Boiling & 12 Midnight furled the foresail & lost reefed main

Long 6 Obs 73.37 & foresail Middle and latter part heavy gales from the S.W. and squally with a very high sea, five men sick & off duty

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Voyage In The Indian Ocean Charles Fisher, Master 1837.

Remarks On Tuesday 21st Nov 1837

Strong gales from the S.W. at 1 P.M. set the foresail & hauled the wind to the N.W. at 5 P.M. wore ship to the S.E.

83,00 The wind began to moderate Middle part Quite moderate latter part the Wind veered to the N.W. and began to blow so ends & the wind to the W.S.W. employed

75,00 E Coopering & stowing Bbls of Oil Between decks and Ship in sight to leward standing to the S.W.

Wednesday 22d Nov 1837

Strong gales from the N.W. at 2 P.M. furled fore & mizen top sails at 8 do put the lost reefed main top sail

Obs Lat 33.41 Middle part fresh gales

Long 73.45 & rainy at 6 P.M. set the fore sail at 8 do the wind veered to the West & lighted up wore ship to the S.W. Made sail so ends with all sail set

Thursday 23d Nov 1837

Comes with light airs from the S.W. & the wind

Obs Lat 34.28 to the N.W. at 1 P.M. gave to the south & in the Whole

Long Obs 75.42 going Sail to the S.W. Middle and latter part gentle breezes from the N.W. at Sunrise saw two Whales lowered & chased with no success so ends by the wind to the S.W. the men sick & off duty

Remarks On Friday 24th Nov.

Pleasant breze from the N.N.W. by the wind to the W.S.W. employed scraping Boat &c

Obs Lat 34.50 Middle part the same at 7 P.M. saw a Ship astern

Long 74,00 wore ship at 9 do wore again to the West at 11 Attached to the N.E. so ends with fine breze from the N.N.W. & foggy squally

Saturday 25th Nov 1837

Comes with strong winds from the N.N.W. and rainy at 2 P.M. lowered for a

Obs Lat 34.38 whale with no success at 3 do lowered for a

Long 74.05 E a Whale parted the line lost two Irons & lance & Whale cut off to windward Middle and latter part strong gales from the North at 12 Midnight wore ship to the Westward so ends heading to the West under double reefed main topsail & foresail employed scraping Bone two Men sick & off duty

Sunday 26th Nov 1837

Strong gales from the North by East to the West. Middle part strong gales and rainy

Obs Lat 35.14 at 8 A.M. it lighted up Left double reefed topsails

Long 73.23 E By the wind to the S.W. saw a Sail to leward & tacked

" Put a Bark By the wind to the North so ends with strong gales & squalls

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