

B. H. Cruising for sperm Whales Feb 1854

Tuesday February 24 1854

Tues 24 A fresh breeze from S steering
N by E & E N E at 4 P. M. saw one
large sperm whale toward all
four boats & chased til dark
got within two boats length of
him. Latter part rain squalls
saw green porpoises & saws had
12 jiggs six each

Wednes 25 Light variable winds from SE
to NW steering E N E attended
with rain squalls & lightning

Thurs 26 A strong breeze from NW
to NNE steering E N E East
attended with rain squalls
Employed repairing the lower boat

Fri 27 The fore & Middle parts strong
breeze from N heading E N E
some rain squalls
Latter part blowing a
heavy gale from NW
heading N E carried away
the potato pen

Sat 28 fresh gale from NW at
2 P. M. moderated made sail
Middle & latter parts fresh
breeze from SW to SE
steering N by E N E
Employed repairing a top
sail & the lower boat

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Monday February 16 1854

Lat Long
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Tues 16 A strong breeze from SSW
steering N by E four sails in
sight Employed stowing the
anchors & chains rather fast

Tues 17 A strong breeze from S to
SE steering N by E

Wednes 18 The fore & Middle parts fresh
gale from S SE steering N by E
Latter part strong breeze &
some rain squalls

Thurs 19 Light variable winds and rain
squalls at 5 P. M. gained
with the ship nimrod of New
Bedford capt Baker homeward
bound

Fri 20 A light breeze from S E
fine pleasant weather steering
N by E Employed at small
jobs

Sat 21 A light breeze from S E to SSW
steering N by E some rain
squalls

Sun 22 Light airs & calm all the se
24 hours steering E N E saw
one fin back

Mon 23 A light breeze from S E
steering E N E at 6 P. M. saw
sperm whale toward all four boats with
out success

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