

Bk Mary Frayes of New Bedford

Saturday Mar 15th

495

Begins with strong winds from S.S.W. with very squally weather. Ship under topsails and courses steering E.S.E. Middle part the same latter part more moderate. Made all sail steering E.S.E. Lat 33:00 Long 174:56

Sunday Mar 16th

496

Begins with good breeze from S.S.W. with good weather. Ship under all sail, stepping E.S.E. At 3 P.M. saw sperm whales. Lowered four boats in chase. Soon after the Larboard Boat went for a whale, started an Iron, but it was a slight chance, and did not fasten. The whale went to windward, and we soon gave up the chase. Middle part calm. Latter part light breeze from S.E. with good weather.

Monday Mar 17th

497

Begins with light breeze from S.E. with good weather. Ship under all sail on different tacks. Middle & latter parts nearly calm. At 7 A.M. lowered for sperm whales.

Tuesday Mar 18th

498

Begins with light air from E.N.E. with cloudy weather. Four boats in chase of whales about 2 P.M. struck to the Larboard Boat. At 6 P.M. got him to the ship. Weather looking bad & wind increasing got ready & commenced cutting. Cut part of the night & hooked down until daylight. Latter part moderate Gale from E.N.E. with rainy weather. At daylight commenced cutting again. In heaving up the head parted a heavy Fin Chain. So Ends with weather getting worse all the time.

John S. Nye, Master, On A Cruise 1873

Wednesday Mar 19th

499

Begins with Gale from S.E. with heavy sea. Whales along side & trying to cut. At 4 P.M. weather so bad had to give up cutting after getting the head off, and part of the body in. Heaved the whale out with a good Scoop of Chain & made things snug generally. Soon after the head chain parted & we lost the head. Middle part wind & weather the same. Ship hove too under close reefed main topsail, Mizzen & Foretopmast staysail. Latter part wind the same with dangerous sea. At 8 A.M. the Fluke Chain parted and away went the whale. So Ends.

Thursday Mar 20th

500

Begins with Gale from E.S.E. with heavy sea. Ship hove to heading N.E. Middle and latter parts still blowing hard with frequent squalls of rain. Ship on the same tack. Lat 31:06 Long 174:23

Friday Mar 21st

501

Begins a little more moderate and weather looking rather better. Began cutting up the blubber and getting ready to start the works. Hove ship to the S.W. Sea still heavy. Middle & latter parts strong wind from S.S.E. with clear weather & heavy swell. At 10 P.M. commenced boiling. So Ends.

Saturday Mar 22nd

502

Begins with good breeze from S.E. with fair weather. Ship under topsails cruising, commenced boiling. Middle part wind the same. Finished boiling, turned up 35 Barrels being all we saved from a 100 Barrel whale. Latter part nearly calm with good weather. Cleared up decks & washed the ship. Lat 31:21 South. Long 173:40 East