

Bark Matilda Head of Dartmouth Capt. Howland
Remarks Thrusa Dec 19th 1861

Fore part strong trades with frequent rain squalls employed variously. Saw some fin backs passing windward of the Mulin at 4 P.M. the ship on the N Eastern tack Middle & Latter parts much the same
Long by Chron 107° 42' N Lat by Obs 51° 15' S

Remarks Thrusa Dec 20th

Fore part fresh breeze from E, S E, heading N E employed at Ship's duty a few minutes before sundown saw a whale on the weather bow 3 miles off that looked like a Spum Whale spouted about twenty times appeared to be heading to the N W Middle & Latter parts the same
Long by Chron 107° 16' N Lat by Obs 41° 48' S

Remarks Thrusa Dec 21st

Fore part strong trades employed Raising Boats at 6 P.M. tacked ship to the Southward Middle & Latter parts about the same
Long by Chron 107° 33' N Lat by Obs 41° 39' S

Remarks Thrusa Dec 22nd

Fore part strong trades from E E steering to the Westward at 4 P.M. heaved to the wind heading E N E opened a Keg of Butter Middle & Latter parts much the same two ships in sight

Remarks Thrusa Dec 23rd

Fore part fresh trades middle & Latter parts the same employed heaving out between decks for lumber Saw nothing this day
Lat by Obs 41° 26' S Long by Chron 107° 45' W

Cruising on the Off Shore Ground
Remarks Thrusa Dec 24th 1861

Fore part strong trades heading E S E with fine weather employed stowing off Between Decks a Che in sight on the weather bow at 5 1/2 P.M. spoke her the Edward of New Bedford Capt. Smealby 17 mo out - 260 Bbls Middle & Latter parts strong breeze one sail in sight to leeward
Long by Chron 108° 10' N Lat by Obs 41° 51' S

Remarks Thrusa Dec 25th

Fore part strong trades at E S E heading to the N E saw some squid & shipjacks put down some new sheathing aft abreast of the After Hatch the Capt had a Man by the name of McEnis, seized in the Rigger & gave him 12 lashes for fighting which was against the rules of the Ship Middle & Latter parts much the same
Long by Chron 108° 19' N Lat by Obs 41° 56' S

Remarks Thrusa Dec 26th

Fore part strong trades the ship on the N Eastern tack employed at Ship's duty one sail in sight Middle & Latter parts much the same saw some Fin backs & shipjacks & one sail
Long by Chron 108° 23' N Lat by Obs 31° 37' S

Remarks Thrusa Dec 27th

Fore part strong trades heading to the Southward employed putting on some new chafing gear in the waist outside the other being about chafing out of the foreward end of the Chancel the last whale Middle & Latter parts wind & weather much the same employed overhauling & fitting a new Cutting Block split one the last whale
Long by Chron 109° 00' N Lat by Obs 41° 37' S