

Back Matilda Crew of Dartmouth Capt Howland
Remarks Tues Sept 5th 1862

Fore part light breeze & rain squally got a pul on the fore top sail & back stays & caught a chip sack. Midace & latter part fresh breeze heading to the N.E. after 12 midnight Long 111° 26' W Lat by Chron 37° 01' S

Remarks Satues Sept 6th

Fore part fine breeze from E & E heading N.E. at 2 1/4 P.M. raised Spruce Whales & Point on the ~~weather~~ Bow Breaching kept the ship off run a spell when we saw three sport got ready & lowered away from the whales going quick to the surface quite a Booy of them scattered about Breaching & bobbing in a sea situation to strike the Larboard Boat on to one the whale saw the Boat when she got up with the corner of his flukes & doubled himself up & hit her with both Boats Booy took out 10 or 15 fathoms line when we were looz went on twice after but the whales saw the Boat each time while the three Boats were chasing to land a pod of large Whales came down from the windward the Capt Toward got almost on at sundown when the whales went down the Boats came aboard at dark took them up took in the light Chitz hauled up the Courses & lay with the Main gear aback the whales were going to land the last we saw of them about 11 P.M. layed aback during the night on different tacks at 7 A.M. kept her off N.W. back out for a bit of Cork saw what was called Breaches ahead two or three times but no other signs of Whales except one 50 back Long by Chron 112° 23' W Lat by Chron 37° 48' S

Cruising on the Off Shore Ground

Remarks Tues Sept 7th 1862

Fore part fresh breeze from E & E heading N.W. at 4 P.M. luffee to the wind heading S. Midace part squally latter part fresh breeze at 7 A.M. luffee ship to the N.E. saw nothing Long by Chron 113° 15' W Lat by Chron 37° 40' S

Remarks Monu Sept 8th

Fore part fresh breeze from S.E. & heading N.E. at 6 P.M. luffee ship Midace part a fresh breeze at daylight a ship in sight two points on the sea Bow at 7 A.M. saw her keep off when we ran off to at 9 A.M. saw her lower her Boats we have seen nothing lowered our Boats & run to the leeward a spell when we saw some whales close to the Boats coming quick to windward did not get on the whales went to windward a short distance when they missed off to leeward the Larboard Boat went on but did not get fast chased them a spell longer when the Louisiana's Boats struck in another pod to land when the pod were chasing went to windward before this the ships had made raised more whales to land & chased off

Remarks Tues Sept 9th

Fore part strong breeze & luffed the Boats chasing the whales to land but to get on but they would not let the Boats strike before 5 P.M. when the L Boat went on again & struck twice again up got him long side about sunset the other Boats chased off after the school till sunset & gave them up got supper & got ready for cutting clewed down the topsails & fished the light sails carried all hands at daylight hooked on & commenced cutting at 7 A.M. raised whales again 4 points on the weather Bow coming to land slowly shortly after the Louisiana saw whales