

Barth. Matilda Seas

Tuesday Oct 4th

Fined past Strong breeze from westward with cloudy weather and rugged ship by the wind heading to the south where by sail at sundown took in sail. Middle past the same latter part more moderate ship by the wind on opposite tack at 10 A.M. raised sperm whales going to the southwest quick toward in chase of them no Obs.

Wednesday Oct 5th

Commenced with light breeze from S.W. with pleasant weather. Boat in chase of the whales at sundown the boats returned to the ship with no success at. at took in sail. latter part moderate breeze from north at daylight raised sperm whales to the windward going to the windward quick toward the boats but did not see them out of the boats at 10 A.M. the boats came on board. Lat 38° 26' S.

Thursday Oct 6th

Commenced with fresh breeze from N. with pleasant weather. Ship by the wind heading to the N.W. at 1 P.M. raised alone sperm whale toward the boats at 5 A.M. the barboard boat struck the whale toward the boat and capsize it in striking the starboard and went back struck the whale got him at dark took the eleven boat to the ship at 7 P.M. took the whale alongside. Middle and latter part strong breeze and rugged at daylight commenced churning no Obs.

Friday Oct 7th

Commenced with strong winds from north and very rugged employed in cutting at 3 A.M. finished cutting the body at daylight looked onto the head and took it in no Obs.

Cruising for Right whale 1870

Saturday Oct 8th

Commenced with strong wind from north with rugged weather crew employed in clearing the deck away at daylight commenced to sail at 10 the wind headed to the south latter part blew off to the N.W.

Lat 39° 14' S.

Sunday Oct 9th

Commenced with moderate breeze from south with pleasant weather at 1 P.M. raised right whale toward in chase but with no success. Middle and latter part fresh breeze from north at 10 A.M. raised right whale toward and got one to the Starboard Boat crew employed in hoisting and got cast out of the fore hold for oil no Obs.

Monday Oct 10th

Commenced with strong winds from north with heavy weather with the largest flock chain on the whale crew employed in hoisting at 1 P.M. wind blowing moderate gale at 10 the flock chain parted and took the whale from alongside toward a boat and to look for the whale the boat found him and loded by the whale the weather being very rough at the time the boat thumped and thumped the crew was picked up half hour after the boat capsize toward down two more boats and loded by the whale all night with rainy weather and squally at 11 A.M. took the whale to the ship and fluked him with the big anchor lost the boat that got capsize and all the things belonging to it and it was very small chance in saving the whale at noon the wind from S.E. blowing moderate gale sent all hand below they being thirty hours with out sleep.

Rufus B. Place went off Lat 39° 03' S. duty with the excremental disease Lat 15° 45' E.