

Sperm Whales
Remarks on Board Barge

Friday 29th

Commences today with a moderate breeze from the E. S. E. with fine pleasant weather vessel steering N. N. W. crew employed on ship's duty at sundown took in sail for the night Middle & Latter parts light airs & calms from all quarters saw one sail and finbacks & one turtle so ends this day.

Saturday 30th

Commences today with light airs & calms from the S. W. with pleasant weather vessel by the wind on different tacks crew employed on ship's duty saw plenty of finbacks picked up a small stone jug but there but salt water in it at sundown took in sail for the night Middle part a light breeze from the same quarter Latter part steering S. S. E. saw grampusses so ends this day

Sunday 31st

Commences today with a light breeze from the W. with fine pleasant weather vessel steering S. crew employed on ship's duty saw a large mast afloat about 70 feet in length hoisted it in and put it up into fire wood at sundown took in sail for the night Middle & Latter parts wind from the W. N. W. saw nothing but finbacks so ends this day

Monday 1st of June

Commences today with a moderate breeze from the W. N. W. with fine weather vessel by the wind on different tacks crew employed on ship's duty saw a number of finbacks breaching at sundown took in sail for the night Middle & Latter parts light variable winds at nine o'clock at Mr. John Gonzalez raised a school of large sperm whales lowered three boats and gave chase so ends this day

Lat 35.00
 Long 43.36

Matapoisett C. F. Tripp Master

Tuesday 2nd

Commences today with light variable winds vessel by the wind the boats still employed chasing the whales at 3 o'clock the starboard boat struck a large whale and the iron drew and we lost him then the starboard boat struck another large one the starboard boat fastened next to the same whale the starboard boat's iron came out & the starboard boat's line parted so we lost the whale came on board & down tacks and kept her by the wind Middle & Latter parts a moderate breeze from the S. W. saw a finback so ends this day

Wednesday 3rd

Commences today with a moderate breeze from the S. W. with fine weather vessel steering different courses cruising for whales crew employed on ship's duty picked up a nine barrel cask of palm oil saw cowfish & porpoises at sundown took in sail for the night Middle & Latter parts wind and weather the same saw nothing but porpoises so ends this day

Thursday 4th

Commences today with a moderate breeze from the S. S. W. with fine pleasant weather vessel steering N. by E. cruising for whales crew employed on ship's duty saw a turtle saw porpoises & struck one the saw something breaching but could not make out what it was at sundown took in sail for the night Middle & Latter parts wind and weather the same saw two humpbacks lowered three boats and gave chase but returned on board without success so ends this day

Friday 5th

Commences today with a light breeze from the S. with fine weather vessel steering N. N. W. crew employed on ship's duty saw two finbacks and nothing more at sundown took in sail for the night Middle parts light to the wind saw one sail bound to the north Latter