

Sperm Whales
Remarks on Board Barge

Friday 24th

Commences today with a moderate breeze from the S. with pleasant weather vessel by the wind on different tacks crew employed overhauling the cutting block straps three sails in sight Middle & Latter parts a light breeze from the same quarter saw two whaleships gaining so ends this day

Saturday 25th

Commences today with a light breeze from the S. with pleasant weather vessel by the wind cruising on different tack at 3 O'clock P.M. gained the Barge Charisa. Capt. Merchant. & Barge Draco. Capt. Snell. both of New Bedford returned on board at 11 P.M. Middle & Latter parts fair wind & weather the same saw two killers so ends this day

Sunday 26th

Commences today with a light breeze from the S. with fine pleasant weather vessel by the wind on different tacks crew employed on ship's duty two sails in sight Middle & Latter parts the wind from the S. West saw a number of Merchantmen & two whales so ends this day
Lat 34 33. Long

Monday 27th 40.62

Commences today with a light breeze from the West with fine pleasant weather vessel by the wind on different tacks at 5 O'clock P.M. Joseph Chaurrey raised a large lone whale going to windward very quick lowered three boats & gave chase until sundown but returned on board without success Middle part the weather the same Latter part Capt. C. G. Tripp raised a large lone whale at about 7 O'clock A.M. The Barge Draco close under our lee lowered three boats & combined our chances together the whale went to windward and another school here in sight so we gave chase for them. The Barge Charles W. Morgan came

Mallapoisett C. G. Tripp Master

in sight and she lowered away her four boats and gave chase at 11 O'clock the 2nd Mate of Draco fastened to a 40 barrel whale with a shooting gun in the head of his boat. the distance of 18 fathoms the rest of the boats employed chasing after the whale so ends this day
No Observation

Tuesday 28th

Commences today with a light breeze from the W. with fine pleasant weather vessel on different tacks keeping to windward of the whale the boats still chasing the whale the 3rd Mate of the Draco went on and struck twice but his irons came out and he lost them at sundown returned on board Middle part run the vessel down under the lee of the Draco and laid there till daylight then made sail and stood along by the wind. soon after daylight the C. Morgan passed us to windward still in search of more whales at daylight the Draco commenced cutting in the whale saw a number of Merchantmen steering to the N. E. also some grampus so ends this day

Wednesday 29th

Commences today with light variable winds from the W. with fine pleasant weather vessel by the wind cruising for whales at 4 O'clock kept her off for the Draco with the intention of taking casts aboard of her to put our share of the whale in at 9 O'clock P.M. the Captain lowered a boat and took the casts aboard of her & returned about 11 O'clock Middle & Latter parts the wind the same with light rain squalls vessel steering different courses in search of whales so ends this day