

Journal of Bark *Matapoisett*
 Humpbacking at Hollams Bird Island
 Sunday Feb. 5th 1882

These 24 hours light breeze and calm with pleasant weather about 9.30 A.M. Starboard and Waite Boats hauled for Humpbacks saw a plenty of them about 10.30. A.M. Waite Boat struck killed him and got him to the ship about 1 P.M. about noon the Bark anchored in 17 fathoms of water about 3 miles from Hollams Bird Island saw a Schooner to anchor off the island at about 2 P.M. got up the cutting gear and began to cut finished cutting 3.30 finished and at 4 got supper and set the watch so ends

Monday Feb. 6th

First part light air and calm at 5 A.M. called all hands at 7 hauled the Starboard and Waite Boats for Humpbacks saw 10 or 12. Middle part fresh breeze and pleasant. Latter part strong breeze with a heavy sea. The Starboard Boat struck a Whale and got him spouting blood and the crew drew the Waite Boat struck another and had to cut the Whale adrift and being suggested Starboard Boat got on Board at 1 P.M. Waite Boat at 8.30 P.M.

Tuesday Feb. 7th

First part light air at 5 A.M. called all hands got breakfast and hauled L.B. and W.B. and outboard saw a plenty of Whales. L.B. had one missed. W.B. struck a large Whale and had him about dead and had to cut being a long distance off shore and it being in strong current some fog began to bail during the day at 5.30 P.M. Boats came on board so ends

of New Bedford Capt. Stickney
 Humpbacking at Hollams Bird Island
 Wednesday Feb. 8th 1882

First part calm and thick fog finished boiling at about 2 A.M. hauled the two Boats for Humpbacks but got none. Middle part fresh breeze. Latter part strong breeze Boats got on board at about 5.30 P.M.

Thursday Feb. 9th

These 24 hours light breeze and pleasant at daylight hauled the two Starboard Boats. at 8.30 A.M. the Waite Boat struck a cow and calf. The Starboard Boat hauled and took the calf to the ship the cow died and sunk in about 25 fathoms of water. The Waite Boat by him all night the L.B. and W.B. got on board about 4 P.M. cut him the calf and got supper at 6 P.M. so ends

Friday Feb. 10th

First part light breeze from N.W. at daylight called all hands the Starboard Boat went to the sunken Whale to give the Waite Boats crew something to eat at about 8.30. came on board at 9.30 hauled the Starboard Boat for Humpbacks at about 10 A.M. struck and killed a Whale got him alongside and fluked about 6.30 P.M.

Saturday Feb. 11th

These 24 hours light breeze and some foggy at daylight called all hands got breakfast and cut in the Whale finished about 9 A.M. and then sent the L.B. and crew to relieve the 2nd mate he came on board and got the ship under weigh and went to the sunken Whale and anchored in 20 fathoms of water