

Journal of Bark Mattapoisett of
Humpbacking

Thursday July 26th 1883

These 24 houses light breeze and calm at daylight - lowered three Boats saw two Whales going to windward saw the Bark President - Boats fast to a Whale Boats got on board at sunset - Penna still off duty

Friday July 27th

This day light breeze and calm at daylight - lowered three Boats saw five Whales about 4.30 P.M. Starboard Boats struck one with Greener Gun got him to the ship at 10 P.M. got supper and cut him in so ends

Saturday July 28th

This day light breeze at 6 A.M. lowered three Boats saw one Whale about 1 P.M. Starboard Boat struck him with Greener Gun killed him and got him to the ship about 7 P.M.

Sunday July 29th

These 24 houses light breeze and fine weather at 3.30 A.M. called all hands and got breakfast and put in the whale and cut up the blubber and broke out some provisions and stowed some casks for oil saw one Whale from the ship Penna still off duty

Monday July 30th

These 24 houses light breeze at daylight lowered three Boats saw two Whales got one Boats got on board at 6.30 P.M. stowed down the oil during the day

Tuesday July 31st

This day fine at daylight - lowered three Boats saw 4 Whales got - none began to boil about 7 A.M. Boats got on board at 6 P.M. at night stowed by watches

New Bedford Capt. A. L. Stickney
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Wednesday August 1st 1883

These 24 houses fine breeze finished boiling about 5 A.M. at 7 lowered three Boats saw 2 Whales at 2.40 P.M. Starboard struck about 3.15 P.M. to soon blew and let the Whale Boats get on board at sunset Penna still off duty

Thursday August 2nd

This day light breeze and calm at daylight lowered three Boats saw nothing Boats got on board about 6 P.M.

Friday August 3rd

The first part of this day fresh breeze about 12 o'clock the Starboard Boat struck a Whale killed him and all three Boats began to tow him to the ship about 3 P.M. hauled all night

Saturday August 4th

This day calm with thick fog the most of the time got the Whale to the ship at 1 A.M. at 6 A.M. began to cut finished cutting and cut it into pieces and broke out some casks during the day did not lower any Boats

Sunday August 5th

These 24 houses light breeze at 6 A.M. lowered two Boats and cruised saw nothing at 7 A.M. began to boil Boats got on board at 6 P.M. stowed by watches at night Penna still off duty

Monday August 6th

This day light breeze at 6 A.M. lowered three Boats saw two Whales the Bark President Boats were chasing Boats got on board at sunset finished boiling in the morning