

Journal of Bark Mattapoisett of
Hempbsack King

Friday August 31st 1883

This day strike and fresh breeze at daylight lowered three Boats saw two Whales one going Southward Boats got on board at 5.30. P.M.

Saturday Sept 1st

This day fresh breeze at daylight lowered two Boats saw three Whales from the ship going Southward Boats got on board at 5.30. P.M. at about 9. A.M. began to hail the Whale and finished at

Sunday Sept 2nd

This day light breeze in the morning some rain fell not lower the Boats saw three Whales going Southward got the Bark underway and stood down the Coast Anchored again at 7. P.M.

Monday Sept 3rd

This day light breeze with some fog in the morning lowered three Boats saw 5. or 6. Whales White Boat struck one killed him and all three Boats towed him all night got the Bark underway to take the Whale

Tuesday Sept 4th

This day light breeze got the Whale to the ship about 4. A.M. Anchored again and sent all hands below until 6. A.M. then got breakfast and cut in the Whale the sharks eat about one-half of him in the afternoon lowered two Boats the other Boats crew on board stowing down all Boats got on board about 6. P.M.

Wednesday Sept 5th

This day light breeze with fine weather at daylight lowered three Boats saw four Whales going Southward began to hail the Whale in the morning Boats got on board at 5.30. P.M.

New Bedford Capt A. L. Stickney
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Thursday Sept 6th 1883

This day light air and calm finished at daylight at 6.30. A.M. lowered three Boats saw three Whales going Southward and saw a Dutch Brig the Brig Anchored about one mile south of this Bark for the night Boats got on board at 6. P.M.

Friday Sept 7th

This day light air and calm at daylight lowered three Boats saw three Whales got some Boats got on board at 7. P.M.

Saturday Sept 8th

This day light breeze and calm at daylight lowered three Boats saw 4. or 5. Whales about 11.30. A.M. Starboard Boat struck killed him and at 1.30. P.M. sank got the Bark underway and began to get to the Whale but had to anchor again the current running strong Southward

Sunday Sept 9th

This day light breeze at daylight sent two Boats down to the Starboard Boat hauled the Whale up of the Bottom got the ship down to the Whale and got him along side at 3. P.M. Anchored again and cut in the Whale before dark

Monday Sept 10th

This day fresh breeze at daylight lowered the Starboard and White Boats saw one Whale at about 3. P.M. started to hoist up Anchor parted the chain and lost the Anchor with 11 fathoms of chain Boats got on board at sunset at 7. P.M. Anchored again in 9. fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain on Starboard Anchor