

Ship Montpelier Cruising For Right Whales

Friday December 22nd

Commences with a brisk breeze at N. and fine pleasant weather steering S. & S. all fore and aft sail set saw nothing at 4 P.M. steered S. E. Middle and latter part strong winds and hazy weather, steered S. & S. saw one Finback employed in this duty. Thus ends

Lat by Obs 44, 50. S. Long by Chron 154, 21



Saturday December 23rd

Commences with strong winds at N. and pleasant steering S. by E. at 3 P.M. Caught a Porpoise. at 4 luffed by the Wind heading East. at 4 P.M. spoke Ship Superior, Bailing up New London. 26.00 lbs. took in sail lay by then the night. at daylight, made all fore and aft sail, saw one or two Whales lower but saw nothing more of the Whales at 10 A.M. saw two Whales lower with out success. Ends with strong winds at N. and foggy.

Lat by Obs 45, 33. S.



Sunday December 24th

Commences with strong winds at N. and foggy, at 3 P.M. saw 2 Whales lower and struck and killed, at 5 took the Whale a long side and commenced cutting. at 10 finished Middle part strong winds and thick weather with rain, at 4 A.M. commenced Bailing. at 10 more moderate at 11 saw one Whale lower to no purpose. Thus ends

Lat by Obs 45, 35.



Monday December 25th

Commences with light winds at N. and fine weather at 5 P.M. saw one Whale lower and struck and killed at 8 P.M. took the Whale a long side. lay by him threw the Right. Employed in Bailing. at 5 A.M. Commenced cutting. at 8 finished. saw two Whales did not lower ends with light winds at N. and fine weather Whales in sight. 2 Ships in sight and a cutting. Employed in Bailing. Lat by Obs 45, 36. South

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Tuesday December 26th

Commences with light airs and calms and fine weather Whales in sight, at 1 lower with out success. Middle and latter part moderate breezes at N. and overcast, saw several Whales lower with out success, one Ship in sight. Employed in Bailing. Thus ends

Lat by Obs 45, 50. South

Wednesday December 27th

Commences with a fresh breeze at N. and overcast Employed Bailing and Chasing Whales, one Ship in sight. Middle part strong winds and thick weather. at 3 A.M. finished Bailing. latter part a moderate gale at N. and N.W. with squalls of rain, saw nothing thus ends.

Lat by Obs 45, 51. S. Long by Chron 153, 30. West



Thursday December 28th

Commences with a moderate gale at N.W. and overcast Middle part much the same lay by under storm sails latter part light winds at West and pleasant weather saw several Whales lower and struck one Whale the ivory lower and lost the Whale. came on Board more Whales in sight. at 10 lower and struck and missed a Whale. Chased several more Whales with out success. Employed in Coopering Oil thus ends. Lat by Obs 45, 40. S.



Friday December 29th

Commences with a moderate breeze at N. and pleasant weather. Employed Coopering and Stowing and stowing down Oil. at 4 P.M. saw several Whales lower struck a Whale killed and took to the Ship. took in sail and lay by the Whale the rest of the night. at daylight commenced cutting. at 8 A.M. finished and commenced stowing. saw several Whales did not lower ends with fresh breezes at N. and hazy. Whales in sight

Lat by Obs 45, 48. Long by Chron 153, 15. West