

Log of Whaling Scho Nellie F. Putnam of Provincetown Eliza H. Tillson Master 1857

Friday June 21st 22nd day out

Came in with brisk breezes from S.E. like steering different courses at sundown shortened sail & headed to S.W. Bar 30 01 00. latter part like steering to South & West several merchantmen in sight

Lat 35 27 North

Longt for watch 4h 73.10h

Saturday 22nd 23rd day out

Came in with brisk breezes from East like steering off on different courses spoke like Washington Freeman of Fairhaven 30 Bl. Sperm six weeks out Middle part like under short sail wind to S.E. latter part light breezes from S.E. at 2h spoke like G. M. Philips Brig W. H. Hill and like Washington Freeman. & steered off S.E. at noon weather cloudy No Obs Bar 30 00 05 Lat 35 43 North

Longt watch 20h 72 58 30 10

Sunday 23rd 24th day out

Came in with light breezes & cloudy weather from S.E. at 5h heavy rains with light winds from S.W. Capt. came on board & all four vessels steered to S.E. Middle part heavy rains, at 10h we have to heading to East & latter part light rains with wind at S.E. Bar 29 09 04 Lat 37 57 North

Longt watch 4h 73 24 40

Monday 24th 25th day out

Came in with light breezes from S.E. like by 10h at 2h made all sail. Bat up starboard main rigging at sundown in gafftopsails & mainsail like by to S.W. several vessels in sight nothing like a whale to be seen Bar at 5h 29 09 00. at midnight veered ship to East & at 22h saw what we supposed to be a school of sperm whales going quick to S.W. tacked ship & made all sail to S.W. wind at S.E. at noon they went out of sight to S.W. Bar 29 08 00 Lat 37 35 North

Longt watch 4h 73 44 10

Tuesday June 25th 26th day out

Came in with moderate breezes from S.E. with smoky weather like by to S.W. at sundown tacked ship to East & shortened sail. Saw 4 or 5 or 6 ahead of us in the fore sail & took the point of the fish latter part foggy Bar at noon 29 08 04 Lat 37

Whales

Longt watch 4h 73 15 10

Wednesday 26th 27th day out

Came in with light winds from S.E. to S.W. frequent squalls of dense fog like by to Southward at 5h 30 shortened sail. Bar at 5h 29 05 05. Middle part squally from S.W. at 18h 30m saw a Sperm Whale off the weather bow going to windward made all sail. Wind at 10h got the boats ready to lower at 19h saw a whale near the vessel going to leeward lowered the boats the Starboard boat went on & struck, the other boat soon got fast to him at 22h got him to the vessel & labled him got breakfast then got up the Tackles & commenced cutting, he was a large whale.

Lat 37 12 North

Longt 4h 72 54 West

Thursday 27th 28th day out

Came in with light winds from S.W. Employed cutting, at 15h finished cutting the body & veered ship to S.W. with the head in tow astern. Sent all hands below to get a nap of sleep as they had all been out twenty four hours. latter part Employed cutting up blubber & getting ready for boiling.

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Longt watch