

Journal of a whaling voyage, on board
The Schooner *Edith S. Putnam*, in the
Atlantic Ocean, commanded by John W. Atkins.

Monday Nov 1 1869

This day begins with gentle breeze from N.S.W. and fine weather. At 9 A.M. we filled away from Provincetown harbour bound on a whaling voyage in the Atlantic Ocean. At 12.30 passed the Highland of Cape Cod and at 2.30 P.M. Stauvelt bore N. 8 miles distant. At 8 P.M. the wind hauled to the N.W. and light rain fell for three hours. The day ends moderate and cloudy. Steering S.S.E.

Tuesday 2^d

All this day good breeze from N. to N.N.E. good weather but cloudy. steering S.S.E. At 11 A.M. saw a sail steering to the Eastward.

Lat. 39° 46' North
Long. 67° 48' West

Wednesday 3^d

All these 24 hours good weather and baffling winds from N. to N.E. with first part strong breeze. At 8 P.M. saw a barge steering West. the day ends with moderate breeze.

Lat. 37° 46' North
Long. 66° 53' West

Thursday 4th

All this day pleasant weather, with pleasant breeze from N. to E. N.E. steering S.S.E. until 8 P.M. when we hauled up S.E. by E. Nothing of importance transpires this day.

Lat. 33° 40' North
Long. 64° 39' West

Friday Nov 5th

All this day moderate breeze from the E.N.E. and good weather. steering S.E. by E. at 3 P.M. passed a ship steering N.W.

Lat. 34° 08' North
Long. 62° 58' West

Saturday 6th

Most of this day moderate breeze from the E.N.E. with fine weather. at 8 P.M. a light breeze sprang up from the S.S.W. at 10 P.M. a good breeze again so ends this day.

Lat. 33° 24' North
Long. 61° 25' West

Sunday 7th

This day strong breeze from the S.S.W. with rough sea. At 3.30 A.M. took in gafftopsail. 7 A.M. furlled flying jib. At 12 M. two reefed our mainsail and set it again. At 3 P.M. took in mainsail and set tricesail and flying jib.

Lat. 32° 50' North
Long. 58° 57' West

Monday 8th

All this day good breeze with cloudy weather, and very rough sea. put out starboard boat, and took her on the crane. Nothing of importance transpires this day.

Lat. 0 North
Long. West

Tuesday 9th

This day moderate breeze from the N.S.W. steering S.E. by E. put up bows, and done other ship's duty very rough so took in mainsail for a few hours.

Lat. 32° 10' North
Long. 52° 41' West