

Remarks on board Ship Wager James Gray

August 1844

Saturday the 10th

These 24 hours commence with strong winds & squalls at 1 P.M. tacked ship heading S E by E employed in ships duty middle & latter part moderate employed in setting up rigging &c. Lat 35-40 Wd Long 42-55 Wd

Sunday the 11th

These 24 hours commence with fine weather employed in setting up rigging saw black fish & lowered without success M Baryne in sight &c. Lat 35-40 Long 46-50

Monday the 12th

These 24 hours commence with light airs from the S W in put 1 spoke the Baryne Willis of Rochester 65 days out with 90 bbls of sperm oil latter part employed in setting up topmast rigging so ends Lat 36-03 Long 46-00

Tuesday the 13th

These 24 commence with light wind & hot weather employed at ships duty at 5 P.M. saw spout on the weather bow which proved to be a large sperm whale it too late to lower obliged to let him go off at 1 tacked ship heading to the W by S W middle part winds very light latter part fine breeze at 7 P.M. saw whales lowered & the Starboard boat 85 bbls ends the 24 hours Lat 35-40 Long 46-05

Wednesday the 14th

These 24 hours commence with light winds at 1 P.M. took the whale along side all hands employed in getting ready for cutting & at 4 commenced at 6 knotted off middle part light winds at 5 commenced cutting at 10 finished latter part fine so ends Lat 35-33 Long 46-15

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Thursday the 15th

These 24 commence with strong winds and squally at 5 A.M. began to boil middle part squalls with rain latter part do at 8 A.M. fired the fore & mizen topsails A man fell from the fore topsail yard & struck on the fore yard clewed & saved him self Lat 35-55 Wd Long 46-25 Wd

Friday the 16th

These 24 hours commence with strong winds employed as above middle part rainy latter calm &c. Lat 36-05 Wd Long 46-32 Wd

Saturday the 17th

These 24 hours commence with strong winds & pleasant weather employed in boiling at 12 finished boiling latter part moderate set all sail 2 sails in sight Lat Long

Sunday the 18th

Commence with light winds & pleasant weather employed at ships duty at 6 P.M. spoke the Baryne Tenedos of New London 1 days out clean middle & latter part pleasant so ends these 24 hours Lat 37-20 Long

Monday the 19th

Commences with strong winds and pleasant weather middle part strong winds shortened sail lat part do employed at ships duty so ends Lat 38-28 Long 41-01

Tuesday the 20th

Commence with rain squalls at 2 made sail middle part thunder squalls shortened sail latter part strong winds & pleasant so ends Lat Long