

Journal of a whaling voyage in the year

50 Thursday Dec 25th 1851.
Commenced with strong winds from West heading N.E.W. at dark took in sail spoke Dark Hts of New Bedford. Carr Master 3rd Mts out 150 lbs of Sp Oil. Middlepart moderate. Satterpart fine weather in company with the Hts. Exchanged signals with an American Bark Steaming N.E.W. So ends this Christmas day. Chickens for dinner. *Some wish I was there this eve.*
Lat 37.13. S. Dist 51 miles Long 49.13. W.

51 Friday Dec 26th
Commenced with fine breezes from N.E.W. Steering N.E. the Hts in sight at dark took in sail. Middlepart moderate. Satterpart strong breezes to the North set double reefed topails and tacked ship to the N.E.W. the first time the Atlantic was ever tacked. So ends nothing in sight. *Some wish.*
Lat 36.22. S. Dist 55 miles Long 48.54. W.

52 Saturday Dec 27th
Commenced with strong winds from North heading N.E.W. at dark took in sail. Middlepart moderate and thick weather. Satterpart fresh breezes from South Steering N.W. by W. nothing in sight so ends Mr. Peabody got his head and wings to catch porpoises. *Some wish.*
Lat 36.15. S. Dist 60 miles Long 47.30. W.

53 Sunday Dec 28th
Commenced with fresh breezes from East Steering N.E.W. at dark took in sail. Middlepart strong breezes. Satterpart the same nothing in sight so ends *Some wish.*
Lat 35.16. S. Dist 63 miles Long 51.08. W.

(Bark Atlantic. Commanded by Richard J. Price.

54 Monday Dec 29th 1851.
Commenced with fresh breezes from East Steering North, saw a sail standing to the North. Middlepart moderate. Satterpart the same. Employed in breaking out between decks and the after hold two Brels in sight. So ends. *Some wish.*
Lat 34.50. S. Dist 65 miles Long 51.21. W.

55 Tuesday Dec 30th
Commenced with moderate winds from E.N.E. heading N.E. with rainy squally weather some thunder, furlled the fore topail and close reefed the main. Middlepart moderate. Satterpart the same. Employed in ship's duty. So ends. *Some wish.*
Lat 34.35. S. Dist 43 miles Long 51.15. W.

56 Wednesday Dec 31st
Commenced with moderate breezes from E.N.E. Steering N.E. by E. Caught a Tom fish. At dark took in sail. Middlepart moderate. Satterpart strong breezes, at 7 am saw a sperm whale going quick to the windward, did not longer. At meridian tacked ship to the eastward, so ends this day and the year also. *Some wish.*
Lat 35.10. S. Dist 45 miles Long 50.10. W.