

Journal of a whaling voyage on board the good

781. Thursday Dec 30th 1853.
Commenced with strong gales from E. lying to under
that sail heading N.W. at 2 P.M. took ship and
sailed main & sail. Middleport strong gales.
Batterport more moderate. heading N.W. Camp in ripping
up at new main spiner. Home Side
Lat 34.43. Long 51.40 W.

782. Friday Dec 31st.
Commenced with fresh breezes from E heading N.W.
Employed on said spiner at sunset took in sail
Middleport fine weather Batterport the same
and light breezes heading E. Camp in breaking out
for coal. at 9 A.M. saw a sperm whale going to
windward at 10 A.M. lowered the boats and pulled
15 mls but could not get up with him rather larger
winded than we. Home Side
Lat 35.15 S. Long 52.15 W.

783. Saturday Dec 31st.
Commenced with fine weather and light breezes
heading N.W. off chasing said whale. at 2 P.M. returned
to the ship. at 4 P.M. saw a sperm whale 5 mls to
windward, lowered the boats and chased 15 or 20
mls but found him like the other to put far us.
Middleport variable. at 4 P.M. returned on board
hoping the next whale will be more accommodating
and let us get along side of him Batterport pleasant
heading E. at 8 A.M. took a heavy squall of wind rain
thunder and light took in all sail at 9 A.M. cleared
away fresh gales lying to heading N.W. Home Side
Lat 35.46. Long 53.14 W. Lat 35.55. W.

784. Sunday Dec 31st.
Commenced with fresh gales from N.W. lying to under
that sail heading N.W. Middleport more moderate
Batterport fine weather and light breeze. Christmas
Lat 35.55. Long 53.17 W.

Dark Atlantic. Cruising off the Rio Verde Plate.

785. Monday Jan 1st 1854.
Commenced with fine weather and calm at 3 P.M.
light breezes from N.W. heading N.W. saw hump backs
at sunset took in sail. Middleport fresh breezes
Batterport strong breezes Employed in repairing main
top sail. at 11 A.M. lowered for sperm whale the bow
boat struck and killed him. Home Side
Lat 35.59. Long 53.10 W. Lat 36.02. W.

786. Tuesday Jan 2nd.
Commenced with moderate breezes at 2 P.M. took said
whale alongside and commenced cutting. at 3 P.M.
lowered the larboard and waist boats for other whale
at 4 the waist boat struck and killed him. Middleport
strong breezes. at 8 P.M. took him alongside. Camp in
clearing up decks. Batterport strong breezes Camp in
taking in the head of said whale. at 10 A.M.
commenced bailing at 11 fresh gales lying to with
our whale alongside. Home Side
Lat 36.13. W.

787. Wednesday Jan 3rd.
Commenced with strong gales heading N.W. lying with
our whale on the weather bow. Camp in bailing and
various jobs. at 4 P.M. cooled down. Middleport
strong gales and heavy sea. Batterport the same
heading E. at 7 A.M. started the works and hauled
our whale alongside a considerably swelled.
Home Side.

788. Thursday Jan 4th.
Commenced with fresh gales and rugged Camp in
bailing and cutting at 5 P.M. got his head off and
left him for the morrow. Middleport more moderate
Employed in bailing. Batterport fine weather and
calm Employed in bailing and cutting.
Lat 36.55 W.

Home Side