

Wednesday May 6th 1868

Comes in with strong breeze and cloudy weather at 4 A.M. called all hands and commenced cutting at 10 got one whale in blowing strong and ship so much down that we dared not hook on to the other before clearing away head all hands busy - Got head cleared away and set the watch raining hard all day No Obs.

Thursday May 7th Comes in with more moderate weather - started the works at 5 A.M. called all hands hooked on and cut the whale missing machine broke down - cleared up head - the weather very threatening much rain and sudden squalls - Nothing in sight all this day No Obs.

Friday May 8th a gale of wind from S and S.E. with heavy showers of rain - had bailing but managed to keep the fires along - at 7 wind hauled to the W. blowing heavy with much rain - at 9 A.M. saw a school of sperm whales going down to the S.W. at 1 P.M. called the works Lat at Merd, 40 24 Long 63.55 W No sail in sight this P.M.

A School of Sperm Whales

Saturday May 9th

First part a gale of wind and rain from W with thunder and lightning. Ship lying to under mizzen sail at 2 started the works again the weather being more moderate - In the P.M. quite clear - watch employed in bailing and doing other work aboard ship. Saw one sail steering to the S. Lat at Merd 39.45 Long by Chron 63.05

Sunday May 10th

Moderate breeze from S.E. and calm watch employed in bailing at 12 M. got through turning up on deck 65 Bbls in the P.M. took a breeze from the N.W. all day fine clear weather at sundown shortened sail for the night - Saw two sail today Lat 39.26 Long 63.03

Monday May 11th

Comes in with light air from the N and clear weather ship by the wind heading N.E. - employed in stowing oil between decks. Stowed 60 Bbls. Calm nearly all day - Saw a steamer steering to the S. Lat 39 28 Long 63.16