

Tuesday July 7th 1868

All this 24 hours light baffling air and calm what little wind there is being directly ahead. Now getting along this being the ninth day we have had these light baffling wind from ahead. This is much more than what I calculated on finding. I naturally thought we should have fair winds from ahead to our whaling ground, but instead it has been ahead all the time. The season is now fast passing away, in a few days more and the season is up. Now it is man proposes and God disposes. But somehow I am getting to be very impatient to get on the whaling ground. We get a merid altitude of the sun but I was ashamed to get an observation to determine our longitude. Lat. at merid 43.00

Wednesday July 8th

Begins with light baffling air and calm from E. by S. and hazy weather and some heavy rain squalls. Several sail in sight working to the N. E. some standing on one tack and some on the other. This is the tenth day we have had the light baffling wind from ahead, and we fear the season will be up before we can get on to the ground today. Lat. at merid 43.18 Long 25.36

Thursday July 9th 1868

Comes in with light air from the N. and calm. Ship making but little progress to the N. E. weather cloudy and showers with rain. Saw four sail all steering to the N. E. Saw a few grampuses but nothing more all day. Lat at merid 43.25 N. Long by chron 25.52 W.

Friday July 10th

Begins like all for the past two weeks with light baffling air and calm. Ship standing to the N. E. with a light air from the N. E. and showers of rain. Saw two or three sail steering to the N. E. Slow progress for the last two weeks. Saw today two or three birds a school of porpoises some few toothed. Tallow drops &c. some indications of sperm whales. Lat at merid 43.23 Long by chron 24.18

Saturday July 11th

Moderate breeze from N. E. and overcast with light showers of rain. Ship standing to the N. E. first part. Mist & Lat. past to the N. E. with light air from N. E. and calm at sundown calm. 4 sail in sight all working to the N. E. Saw one fishback today. Lat 44.31 Long 22.41