

Thursday Aug. 27th 1868

First part light baffling air from the S.W. and calm weather and somewhat overcast. Ship steering W.V.W. with all sail out. nothing in sight. At 10 1/2 A.M. raised Sperm Whales. nearly calm and the Whales quite still. Lowered two boats and at 11 1/2 Searb. boat struck a large one. got good blood from him. and the Waist boat chased the loose whale. Searb. boat lowered at 12 and at 12 1/2 Waist boat struck a loose whale. Searb. boat's whale cleared his stroud and afterward gave us much trouble. finally killed both whales and got them to the ship. At 5 P.M. at 6 endeavored to hook in to one of the whales with the view of cutting the head square off and getting the body in. but coming on dark and raining very heavy so we could not keep the long lights burning. We gave up the attempt to cut at night but wait until morning. all night blowing ~~fast~~ and raining heavy. wind changing from S.W. to S.W. and to S.E. whales were unseen alongside all night lying the whole length of the fluke chains.

Lost at merid 42.08
long by Chro. 48.16 at 10

Saw Sperm Whales
Drove Two Large Ones

Off Dead Whale & the under
and broke the steering apparatus.

Friday Aug. 28th 1868

All day blowing a gale from S.E. and cloudy and weather being very rough for cutting. but at 5 A.M. hooked on to the smallest whale. cut head neck off and then let it remain hanging and rooled the body in. At 9 one of the whales got foul of the rudder with his jaw and broke the patent steering apparatus to very badly rendering it unfit for use. got handspikes large blocks of wood and other things and steadied the rudder and then went on cutting the whale again. At 11 got the body all in and the weather being too rough to take the head. Started the works and commenced bailing. all the P.M. strong breezes and a heavy swell from the North. Saw one sail steering to the S.E.

Lost at merid 41.28
long by Chro 47.26

Saturday Aug. 29th

Comes in with quite moderate breezes from S.E. and clear weather. Ship going by the whales at 5 A.M. hooked on to the largest whale. got the head off and body in in the A.M. in the P.M. Took the Head in. The other Head still hanging by the carcass. Started the works again. nothing in sight all day.

Lost 40.43
Long 47.46