

Saw Sperm Whales

Friday Sept 25th 1868
 Comes in with light baffling air from the S.W. and fine weather excepting a light haze near the water. Ship by the wind on different tacks cruising in blue and green water. Saw nothing but porpoises all the a.m. - at 4 P.M. saw a school of Sperm Whales (about 40 Bbls) going to the W. at 5 lowered all 3 boats and chased until dusk without success.

Lat at Merd. 41.36
 Lat of Whales 41.46
 Long by Chron. 46.09
 Long of Whales 46.10

Saturday Sept 26th
 Comes in with light baffling air from the S. and quite clear overhead but misty horizon. Ship cruising to the W. all the A.M. see nothing but schools of porpoises in the P.M. cruising to the S.W. and E. nothing in sight but one sail.

Lat at Merd. 41.43
 Long by Chron. 46.30

Sept 27th 1868
 Comes in with light baffling air from the S.W. and quite clear weather - a thin light haze just above the water. Ship cruising on different courses but working to the S.W. in the A.M. nothing in sight but one sail in the P.M. porpoises - no green water to be found. Saw also one finback and one Sulphur bottom.

Lat 41.59
 Long 46.00

Monday Sept 28th
 Still this day dead calm, and fine weather in the A.M. saw one school of porpoises nothing more in sight all day. Water blue and clear. - no green water to be found. - find a moderate current setting S.W. - we think the whales have left.

Lat at Merd. 41.56
 Long by Chron. 45.45

Tuesday. Sept 29th
 Comes in with fresh breezes from the S.W. and hazy weather. Ship by the wind on different tacks cruising in the A.M. Saw several Sulphur Bottoms in the P.M. one or two finbacks and at 4 P.M. saw a school of Sperm Whales breaching to the windward - could not get to them.

Lat at Merd. 41.58 Long 46.30. of Whales 41.50 46.16

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