

Saw Sperm Whales, Spoke Com, & Harris

Tuesday Oct. 20th 1868

Came in with moderate breezes from the E. and hazy weather ship steering S.W. for Cambridge. at 10 a.m. ship loom, Morris Howland & Co. 5 mgs 250 Sperm 50 Whale - was boiling - jammed with her. - saw Blackbird in the P.M. steering N.W. - nothing more in sight Lat at Merd 40.47

Wednesday Oct. 21st

Came in with moderate breezes from N.W. and same fog - ship by the wind to the N.E. in the distance Morris at 10 a.m. saw sperm whales quite still - boats from Com. & Morris gallied them. Both ship boats chasing at 12 blowing on fresh from N.W. with fog. was obliged to give up the chase. - all P.M. a gale and fog - both ships standing to the E. Lat by Gal. 41.10 N. Long by Chron. 47.20 W.

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Thursday Oct. 22nd 1868

Came in with moderate breezes from the E. & N.E. and overcast. Ship by the wind with all sails out cruising to the S.E. - at 9 a.m. saw sperm whales - gallied by ship passing over them - lowered and chased without success with all three boats - whales going off quick S.E. - saw only three 40 blbs. in the P.M. strong breezes from S.E. - saw Blackbird and porpoises Lat at Merd 41.27 Long by Chron. 46.09

Friday Oct. 23rd

Came in with a gale of wind from S.W. and hazy weather - ship lying to heading S.W. - at 8 a.m. a large school of sperm whales - came and calves going slow to the S.E. - too rough to lower - they came close to the ship but near enough to shoot - had gun ready for them - at 12 saw another school of sperm whales - were larger whales than the others they came also close to ship too rough to lower the boats could do nothing but look at them in the P.M. rain Lat 41.23 Long 46.09

Three Boats