

Saturday Nov. 21st 1868

Came in with a gale of wind from S.W. and thick rainy and foggy weather - nothing in sight - Ship lying to heading up S.W. under lower mainmast - ~~the~~ Blowing and raining all day - Being unable to work our rudder well steering with tables and not being able to get the rudder up or down deem it prudent to keep well out from the land - This a.m. fitted and put on the new steering apparatus - at night still blowing a gale wind hauling gradually to the W.

Sunday Nov. 22nd

Came in with a gale of wind from the W. and thick rainy weather - Ship steering S.W. by S for Agal with all prudent sail out - Saw the island of Graciosa bearing S. E. per compass - at 10 raised the pole of St. George bearing S. E. at 11 saw Agal and then ship steering up for Agal with the view of getting the man that was left on shore and who we supposed had deserted - at 2 wind hauled out ahead and dying away nearly calm at 3 finding we could not work up the wind being light and a very heavy swell setting us in toward Pico deemed it prudent for the safety of ship and lives to put away

looking the ship off down between Pico and St. George with fore part of night away, calm

Monday Nov. 23rd 1868

Came in with strong breezes from S.E. and overcast and foggy - Ship working up the passage of Agal - at 9 a.m. went on shore in order to report the deserted remainder of the day thick and foggy

Tuesday Nov. 24th 1868

Came in with strong gales from the W. S.W. and foggy weather - Ship cruising off Agal - left on shore at 8 a.m. raised a school of large sperm whales going very slow W. S.W. - cleared away the boats and went down - Main boat got nearly on when the whale went down and then saw the boat under water - whale came to windward - went under the mast but was too far up to fasten. Boatmen having started - at 4 P.M. lowered again for the same whales they working up for the W. end of Agal but blowing heavy did nothing

Large Sperm Whales
Hauling up for the W. end of Agal