

Thursday March 18th 1869

Begins with fresh breezes from the N and cloudy weather at 6 A.M. made sail and kept ship S.W. by W per compass - Sun in the A.M. three sail all steering N.E. by the wind - unbent the Spanker and tore it up for old canvas and bent a new one - sent down for repairs the lower maintop sail - in the P.M. saw two sail steering to the E. - bent the maintop sail - Water all day very blue and clear - saw several birds today - in the fore part of the day large rifts of Gulf Weed in the latter part none to be seen

Lat at Merd 29.11
Long by Chron 77.10

Friday March 19th 1869

Comes in with fresh breezes from E and cloudy weather ship steering S.W. under easy sail - nothing in sight all the A.M. - employed in repairing the main sail - in the P.M. fell in with quite heavy rippling - saw several schools of Blackfish, porpoises and cowfish - little Gulf Weed - at night shortened sail - wore ship heading E.N.E. - Lat 28.08 Long 78.27

On Norwell Bank
Saw several schools of Blackfish

Saturday March 20th 1869

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.W. and squally weather with rain ship by the wind under lower main topsail and foretopmast and main stay sails - through the day saw several sail steering to the N.E. by E. - at 5 P.M. wind changed suddenly to the N.W. and much rain - mid part clear weather

Lat at Merd 28.17
Long by Chron 78.59

Sunday March 21st 1869

Begins with fresh breezes from the W. and hauling to the N.W. and clear weather ship to the wind to the N.W. with all sail out - all the A.M. in tide rips among Gulf Weed - saw four schools of Blackfish and two of porpoises - did not lower for the Blackfish as it was good seeing and good time for a whale - at 9 h. getting out of tide rips and Gulf Weed imagined we were in the edge of the Gulf Stream - kept ship off N.E. - all through the A.M. - nothing more in sight - Lat 28.59 Long 79.25

Saw Blackfish