

Sunday April 18th 1869

Begins with strong gales from S.W. and cloudy weather and a heavy swell from S.W. Shift by the wind to the S.W. under lower topsails. Nothing in sight all the A.M. at 10 kept ship to per compass. the weather being moderate. made some sail on the ship. In the P.M. steering S.E. with maintop gall sail out. in the P.M. one sail in sight steering S.E. all day the water has been green; nothing in it. not a bird to be seen. Only one today. Whereas last season the birds were quite numerous. Whichever way we go, east, west, north or south it is all the same, nothing but green water. But still hoping and trusting that we may soon find whales.

Lat at merid. 40.26
Long by chron. 59.50

Monday April 19th 1869

Begins with a gale from the W. and clear weather. Ship by the wind to the S. with all prudent sail out. saw several sail today some working to the E and others to the W. Water quite green and nothing in it. no birds, porpoises or anything else to be seen. Two pickings no mistake in the P.M. standing to the W.

Lat 40.26 Long 59.00

Tuesday April 20th 1869

Begins with a gale of wind from the W. and cloudy weather with some rain. Raining nearly all night. Ship by the wind heading W.S.W. with all prudent sail out. Nothing in sight all the A.M. in green water. at 12 M. kept ship S.E. at 2 P.M. in blue water with tide rips. Saw one finback. also one bird. at sunset looking like a storm moderate breezes and a rough sea on. wind hauling to the S.W.

Temps.

Air 70
Water 68

Lat at merid. 40.09
Long by chron. 58.54

Wednesday April 21st 1869

Begins with a gale from the W. and fine clear weather. Ship by the wind to the S. with all prudent sail out. In the A.M. saw several Portuguese man of war also small pieces of boards, chips and quite a quantity of light drift stuff. some tallow traps but no birds, porpoises, or anything at all with life. water blue and clear. at noon took more ship steering S.E. until 2 P.M. then at till to the S. by the wind S.W. E.

Air 68
Water 66

Lat at merid. 39.02
Long by chron. 57.30
Barometer 30.12