

Saturday May 8th 1869

Came in with calm weather and cloudy
several birds around the ship - water
in the a.m. somewhat green - with tattlers
doves and Portuguese man of war both and large
and small - at 12 M saw a school
of Blackfish - also saw white water caused
by a Humpback - at 1 P.M. lowered
all three boats and chased the Humpback
but ran into a school of Blackfish and
struck 6 two to each boat and saved only
two one to each of Leach and Maist Boats
Saw two finbacks going to the S.

Lat at merid 37.56
Bureau 29.5 this and falling Long by Chron 51.05

Sunday May 9th 1869

Begins with strong breezes from the N.W. and
cloudy weather but good seeing ship
cruising with all sail set to the S. to
water blue and clear - no birds
and only a few Portuguese man of war
saw one sail steering S. S. E.
at 12 M steered N per compass till 2
P.M. then steered S. E. and by the wind
that hauls to the S. - in P.M.
saw two Sulphur Bottoms - water of
a dark green with considerable many
man of war

Lat at merid 38.36
Long by Chron 51.05

Over Spinn Whales

Monday May 10th 1869

Begins with strong gales from S.W. and
rainy weather - ship by the wind to
the S. E. all night under easy sail
at 7 1/2 saw several large breccas nearly
ahead - soon saw them spent and made
them cut sperm whales going quick to the
windward made all sails in chase but of
no use as they went out of sight to the wind
ward - saw a number and called them quick
large - carried sail all day working up
saw several finbacks and Sulphur
Bottoms.

Spoke Bk Addison

Tuesday May 11th 1869

Begins with a gale from S.W. and great
weather with rain - ship by the wind
to the S. with all present sail out -
on different tracks cruising - saw several
finbacks and Sulphur Bottoms - in P.M.
cruising to the S. E. all P.M. strong
gales with heavy squalls - saw a large
brecc - called it sperm whale but being
to the windward could not get up to it
at 6 spoke Bk Addison Cornell New
York, nineteen days from New Bedford, clear
had lost one boat and all its gear in a
gale of wind a few days previous
Lat. 38.26 Long 48.42 Long by Chron 48.40