

Remarks on Board the Barque Ocean Steed in the South Atlantic Ocean cruising for sperm
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Wednesday March the 6th 1872
First part of this day very light breezy weather still one sail in sight at sunset took in the light sail, middle part still light weather at day light set all sail at 8 30 Am saw white water & saw a sail at 11 30 saw a skull of sperm whale, so ended, this day

Lat 31° 11' S

Thursday March the 7th 1872
First part of this day lowered 3 boats the whale, going off to the west at one P.M. struck 2 small whales at 6 P.M. took them along side & laying by them all night still the sail in sight middle part fine light weather at day light cut the 2 whales in one sail in sight so ended, this day

Lat 30° 58' S

Long 45° 42' W

Friday March the 8th
First part of this day calmer away the head at 2 P.M. commenced bailing at sunset took in sail middle part still fine weather at day light set all sail and saw in sight so ended, this day

Lat 31° 26' S

Long 45° 58' W

Saturday March the 9th
First part of this day fine pleasant weather still employed bailing at sunset took in sail at 9 P.M. finished bail middle & latter part very fine weather saw one sail still employed on ship duty so ended, this day

Lat 31° 22' S

Long 45° 47' W

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Sunday March the 10th 1872
This day commenced with fine pleasant weather still one sail in sight at sunset took in the light sail, middle part very fine weather at day light set all sail 2 sails in sight so ended, this day

Lat 31° 36' S

Long 45° 19' W

Monday March the 11th
First part of this day fine pleasant weather at sunset took in the light sail, still 2 sails in sight middle part fine light weather spoke the Barque Wave she has saw nothing at day light being too hoisting the sail so ended, this day

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Tuesday March the 12th
First part of this day fine pleasant weather started down 30° 45' of sperm oil at 4 P.M. took a heavy rain squall, took in the light sail, at sunset took in the upper topsail, & main sail middle part fresh breeze & squally at 4 A.M. very heavy rain latter part more moderate set all sail saw nothing so ended, this day

Lat 30° 45' S

Long 45° 58' W

Wednesday March the 13th
First part of this day fresh wind & squally from the west took in all sail all but 2 lower topsail, at sunset the weather a bit the same middle & latter part fresh gale, from the west saw nothing so ended, this day

Lat 30° 56' S

Long 44° 24' W