

Bark Creola of New Bedford Capt C. F. Hambro

Thursday January 13th 1859

This day commenced with heavy squally weather at 2 A.M. Took in Fox tip Gallant sail the wind hauled into the South West and pretty strong. Middle part fine and pleasant. At a few minutes past 12 raised a school of small sperm whales not having any lines coiled ready it took some time so that the whales got to the windward of the ship and by that means did not get any. The mate's boat being on deck he took the starboard boat so that we had only 2 boats down. After they came on board went to work and coiled lines to have them ready. Latter part very pleasant and wind light from the N. N. W. Saw a big to windward.

Wind N. N. W. Course S. S. E.

Friday January 14th 1859

This day commenced with a fine moon light night at about 12 past twelve the wind hauled to the N. N. E. and quite fresh. Middle part strong breeze and raised breeches and spouts which turned out to be square head Grampsuses and kept them in sight most all day. Latter part about the same. The mate finished repairing his boat and put her on the cranes. Last night the mate did not stand any watch as he had been out all the day before at work on his boat.

Wind N. N. E. Course S. S. E.

Saturday January 15th 1859

This has been a beautiful day and also a very busy one we commenced and broke out the main and after hatch for meat and water. having all hands at it. About half past four raised a spout to windward but did not see it but twice. The wind has been very light all day. finished breaking out about 5 o'clock. Saw this afternoon a flock of small white birds which some call Sperm Whale bird.

Wind S. S. E. and very light

Sea bound to the Pacific Ocean to cruise

Sunday January 16th 1859

This day commenced with a good breeze and clear scrubbed of the decks for the first time one of the boat-stewards raised a sail. Middle part strong breeze from the S. W. raised breeches and spouts and turned out to be jumpers and finbacks. Latter part strong breeze from the S. S. W. and cloudy the sail bearing down towards us. make her out to be a bark steering about East.

It being Sunday no unusual work going on.
Wind S. S. W. Course E. S. E.

2 weeks out to day and having taken nothing.

Monday January 17th 1859

This day commenced with a strong breeze from the S. W. and cloudy. have been very busy all day setting up the rigging all hands at it. Middle part more moderate the wind having shifted into W. by S. and very light with a smooth sea. Latter part the same. past a large drift log. and considerable quantity of Gulf Weed. Nothing remarkable has happened to day only every body has had something to do which is very common on board of a Whale Ship.

Wind W. by S. Course E. S. E. 1/2 E

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Tuesday January 18th 1859

This has been a very fine day first part moderate breeze from the W. S. W. and cloudy. Middle part busy fitting up the foretopmast rigging. Saw a few finback whales. Latter part very mild and pleasant. sent up fore royal yard. About 2 p.m. raised a sail on the starboard beam steering off about E. by S.

Wind W. by S. Course E. S. E. 1/2 S

Large quantity of Gulf Weed around

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