

Tuesday Dec 23^d 1873

Strong gales from the N.W. and clear weather - Ship under easy sail standing to the W. - Saw two sail merchant men standing to the S.E. - Ship Com. Morris in sight to the leeward boiling - at 6 A.M. wore ship heading S.E. with foretopsail set double reefed at 8 P.M. blowing quite heavy, took in foretopsail - saw several birds - water blue all day

Lat at Merd 38.42
Long by Chron 52.00

Wednesday Dec 24th 1873

all day strong gales from N.W. and clear weather - ship by the wind to the S.W. at 4 P.M. finished boiling whale turning up 70 Bbls - Ship Com. Morris in sight spoke her at 6 P.M. her whale making 60 Bbls. Capt. came on board for a few hours. I thereupon offered to divide oil with him, upon which he said he would consult his officers and inform me of their decision on the morrow.

Lat 39.04
Long 51.57

Thursday Dec 25th 1873

Comes in with light airs and calms from the N.W. - Ship Com. in sight - all hands busy stowing oil in the mainhold, stowed 68 Bbls per quays. at 12 gammed with the Com. Morris took dinner with Capt. Winslow. Capt. Winslow informed me that himself and officers was willing to abide by the division of the Whales that we had taken in Co. each party being satisfied with the oil their whale had yielded to which proposition myself and officers readily consented - In the P.M. both ships steering S.E. with moderate breezes from the N.W. plenty of birds but nothing more in sight except finbacks - saw ten of them at one time

Lat 39.08
Long 52.00

Friday Dec 26th 1873

all day a gale from N.W. and clear weather - ship by the wind to the N.E. under close reefed topsails - Wh. Com. in Co. to the leeward - saw plenty of birds but no other indications of whales - water blue and clear

Lat 39.26
Long 52.28

Saturday Dec 27th 1873

First part a moderate gale from the N.W. and overcast and hazy horizon being poor seeing - Ship by the wind to the N.E. in Co. with Com. Morris with all prudent sail out - Nothing in sight but a very few birds - water blue and clear

Lat by Lat 38.50
Long by do 51.50

Sunday Dec 28th 1873

all day light baffling winds with fog from the N.W. - Ship in Co. with Com. Morris working to the N and E with all prudent sail out - Nothing in sight but one finback and one school of Grampuses

Lat by Merd. 38.40
Long by Chron. 51.40

Monday Dec 29th 1873

Comes in with light airs from the N.W. and calms. Ship by the wind to the N.E. with all sail out - Com. Morris in sight to the leeward - at 7 A.M. raised sperm Whales by Mr. Foster long Dist. off to the windward - lowered all Boer boats and chased - Com. Morris lowered and chased also - at about 9 Mr. Baker made in South boat struck killed him and got him to ship by 12 M. all the boats on board having given up the chase - Com. Morris also got a whale - Saw whale close to ship in the P.M. lowered two boats and chased without success - the whale had been galled at 3 P.M. commenced cutting - got the head of and body in then sent all hands below for the night

Lat 38.20

Long 51.36

Tuesday Dec 30th 1873

all day fresh breezes from the N.W. and fine weather hooked on to the whales head and cut it in - the whale will probably will make 100 Bbls - in P.M. started the works and chased away head - Com. Morris in sight doing the same - nothing more in sight

Lat 37.50
Long 51.22

Wednesday Dec 31st 1873

all day fresh breezes from the N.W. and fine weather ship steering S.W. until 10 A.M. then by the wind W. until 5 P.M. then wore ship to N.E. - Com. Morris to windward doing the same and boiling - our whale is very poor

Lat 37.40 Long 52.00