

Bark Pacific Cruising on The

Tuesday July 7th Comes in with strong gales from the S.W. and thick weather with fog. at 6 A.M. hooked on to the whale again - was bothered much with head sinking & blubber rotten so ~~with~~ we did not get head off until 2 P.M. then cut in body - parted head chain from the head - ran fluke chain through the head and made fast by the night -

Wednesday July 8th 1874

Commences with strong gales from the S.W. and thick weather, fog and rain - at 9 A.M. parted chain from head and lost it - Remainder of the day blowing heavy from N.W. - saw several sail steering to the E. - watch employed in boiling. No Obs.

Thursday July 9th All these 24 hours quite moderate commencing at 12 Ship on different tack working to the S.W. winds baffling from S.W. to N.W. and very rough - watch employed in boiling and doing other jobs about ship - saw finbacks and porpoises, some jellies and toudsloos. Lat 49 45 Long 21.21

Friday July 10th All day light breezes from S.W. and thick fog - Ship by the wind on different tack under double reefed topsails working to S.W. - water in the a.m. blue and clear - saw one sail working to the W. finished boiling this P.M. the whale turning up on deck 80 Blbs. all night light air and calms with fog. Lat 49 03

Saturday July 11th All day light winds from S.W. and thick fog and rain - Ship by the wind on different tack working to the S.W. under all prudent sail - all hands stowing oil in fore hold stowed 76 Blbs. in P.M. watch below - nothing but Grampuses in sight all day

Morris Ground North Atlantic 1874

Sunday July 12th All day strong gales from the S.W. and thick weather with squalls of rain nothing in sight but Grampuses & porpoises - Ship by the wind with all prudent sail out working to the S.W.

Monday

Tuesday July 13th All day gales of wind from N.W. & S.W. and thick weather - Ship by the wind cruising with 2 reefs in the topsails - nothing in sight indicating whales, ship working to windward. Lat 49.09 Long 24.03

Wednesday

Thursday July 14th All day strong westerly gales - Ship with two reefs in the topsails working to the W. - saw porpoises & finbacks. Lat 49.03 Long 24.14

Wednesday July 15th All day strong gales from the W. and overcast - Ship by the wind cruising to the W. on different tack under double reefed topsails - nothing in sight but finbacks & porpoises - water blue and green alternately. Lat 48.55 Long 25.06

Thursday July 16th Comes in with strong gales from N.W. & overcast - Ship by the wind to the S.W. under double reefed topsails - at 8 A.M. raised a Sperm Whale 3 points by Lat. of Whaler John Lawrence, two miles Dist. coming directly for the ship - was a large whale Long of 40 and turned flukes very high, but we saw him no more although we cruised about in the vicinity for several hours - The supposition is that he went to windward as he was going about N.W. according to the best of our judgement -

at 2 P.M. saw a large school of Blackfish Porpoises and longish - was very active and altogether lowered all four boats and took 2 - 1 to Bow boat & 1 to Waist boat - John Lawrence in Bow boat - 4th mate off duty with the Esjijelas. Took in sail at night