

Ship Balaena of New Bedford Capt John Dama

Sunday Oct 15th

This day comes in with light breezes the ship standing to the Westward, middle and latter part much the same ends with fine weather
Lat by obs. 1.52 Long by Chron 86.21

Monday Oct 16th

This day comes in with fresh breezes the ship on the Western tack at 4 P.M. saw Whales going to the S.W. toward three boats at 5 P.M. the Starboard Boat fast and the Whale running bad at 5 1/2 the Starboard Boat stove slightly shortly after the Starboard Boat struck the Whale and got slightly stove in the operation the Whale coming for the Boat every time we were near him. We fired a Bomb lance into him and set him spouting thin blood but right on and the Whale running bad we cut from him about half an hour after dark. Ends with strong breezes. Lat by obs 1.36 Long by Chron 86.21

Tuesday Oct 17.

This day comes in with fresh breezes the ship standing to the Westward under double reef. Saw nothing Employed Repairing the Starboard Boat Lat by obs 1.15 Long by Chron 86.21

Wednesday Oct 18

This day comes in with light breezes & squally weather the ship standing to the Westward middle and latter part strong breezes saw nothing
Lat by obs 1.20 Long by Chron 86.21

Ship Balaena of New Bedford Capt Lorna

Thursday Oct 19th 1854

This day comes in with fresh breezes & squally weather the ship on the S. Western tack at 4 P.M. saw a large Whale going to the S.W. toward the Starboard & Waist Boats at 5 P.M. the Starboard Boat struck and shortly after the Waist & Starboard Boats pitched in to him and killed him and got him along side about 6 P.M. latter part Employed Cutting
Lat by obs 0.52 Long by Chron 87.52

Friday Oct 20th

This day comes in with fresh breezes all hands Employed Cutting finished about Sunset at 11 A.M. commenced Boiling. Saw nothing
Lat by obs 0.56 Long by Chron 87.45

Saturday Oct 21

Comes in with light breezes the ship standing to the Eastward all hands Employed Boiling finished the head about 11 A.M. ends with fine weather saw finbacks Lat by obs 0.56

Sunday Oct 22

This day fine weather and light breezes the ship on the Western tack all hands Employed Boiling ends with fine weather saw a finback Lat by obs 1.15 Long by Chron 88.30

This day & Monday Oct 23

Commences with slight trade winds the ship standing to the Westward at Sunset tacked to the Eastward finished Boiling at 4 P.M. ends with fresh breezes
Lat by obs 1.30 Long 87.45