

Journal of the Whaling Bark President 1894
Cruising on Hatteras Ground
Saturday May 5

This day comes in with a good breeze from the S.W. Cruising for Whales. Watch employed in ship duty saw several birds at sundown shortened sail as usual. Middle port the same latter port light breeze and hazy made some sail Watch hoke out water

Sunday May 6

This day comes in with a calm saw several Schooners and a Steamer at Sun down got a breeze from the East shortened sail as usual. Middle port raining. latter part a good breeze from the S.W. made some sail

Monday May 7

This day comes in with a strong breeze from the S.W. Cruising for Whales at Sundown took in the upper Topsails and main sail and gained the Scho. Golden City. Middle port the same, latter part strong breeze and rugged

Tuesday May 8

This day comes in with a moderate haze from the S.W. saw one ship to day the vessel under short sail all day. Middle port wore ship. latter part a good breeze put up upper Topsails and jib and steered off N.W.E. a while then hauled to the wind

Wednesday May 9

John Bravo Master

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This day comes in with a strong breeze from the S.W. took in the upper Topsails and jib, nothing in sight to day. Middle port the same. latter port moderate breeze made all sail, cruising for Whales

Thursday May 10

Second Mate raised the Whales

This day comes in with a light breeze from the N.W.E. Watch employed in ship duty, about five P.M. gained the Scho. Sage Miller's two other Schooners in sight. Middle port the same. latter port moderate haze from the East made sail. sent down the fore top gallant sail and repaired it and sent it up again then saw a school of Sperm Whales got our boats ready and lowered two boats and soon after Starboard Boat struck and we got the whole along side and made fast about 11 Clock A.M.

Friday May 11

This day comes in with a good breeze from the East got the eating gear up and cut the Whale in and started the works and cleared away the head and cut the blubber up several Schooners in sight. Middle port still boiling, latter port moderate breeze made all sail at daylight and finished boiling and cleared up deck and hoke out water. The vessel still leaking about three and four hundred strokes in twelve hours