

Journal of the Whaling Bark President 1894
Cruising on Hatteras

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Saturday May 12

(This day comes in with a light breeze from the NW. the ship cruising for whales. Watch put down so oil 169 galls saw a steamer and two others at sundown shortened sail as usual. Middle port and latter port a calm spoke the Steamer Bowdoin of Boston and got his longitude

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Sunday May 13

(This day comes in with a light breeze from the NW. made all sail cruising and about half past five raised a large school of sperm whales about five miles off going quick into the NW. with the latter port at sundown took in the light sails. Middle port wearing off NW. latter port made all sail and about half past eleven raised 4 sperm whales

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Monday May 14 Ship Kipper raised the whales got our boats ready and lowered all 4 boats a while after the starboard boat struck and we got the whale along side and made fast about sundown and shortened sail. Wholes going about SSW. Middle port strong breeze. latter port blowing a gale with a heavy sea from the NW. Called all hands at day light and got the cutting gear up and cut the whale in ship. Lifting to under lower main topsoil secured the boats and put the blubber down the main hatch and put the halibut boxes on nothing in sight

John Bravo Master

1894

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Tuesday May 15

(This day comes in with a strong breeze with a heavy sea from the NW and the about three PM wind moderated but the lower fore top sail and fore sail and cleared away the head. Middle port the same. latter port moderate breeze at day light got the blubber on deck and started the works and put the topsails and gill

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Wednesday May 16

(This day comes in with a strong breeze from the NW. finished boiling and stowed the oil believed 291 galls and took in the upper topsails and put saw four phases and 2 sails. Middle port the same. latter port good weather made all sail. cruising

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Thursday May 17

(This day begins with a light breeze from the NW. Watch employed in ship duty at sundown shortened sail as usual. Middle port the same. latter port good weather made all sail

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Friday May 18

(This day comes in with a strong breeze from the NW. wearing WSW. saw a fire bark at sundown shortened sail as usual. Middle port the same. latter port still a strong breeze wearing WSW. the vessel still leaking about the same pumping every night and morning