

Journal of the Whaling Bark President 1894

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Saturday May 19

Lat 38° 10' Long 70° 17'
This day comes in with a strong breeze from the S.E. Steaming W & W Saw a Merchant Vessel (middle port the same) latter port good weather made all sail Cruising for Whales saw fin backs

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Sunday May 20

Lat 38° 50' Long 70° 20'
This day comes in with a moderate breeze from the S.E. ship Cruising saw fin backs and 2 Whalers, at sundown shortened sail as usual middle port raining latter part blowing a gale and rugged look in the lower fore topsail

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Monday May 21

Lat 38° 45' Long 70° 25'
This day comes in with a moderate gale from the S.E. ship laying to under lower topsails, one Whaling Bkr in sight middle port the same. latter part still a gale and rugged 3 Whalers in sight

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Tuesday May 22

Lat 38° 40' Long 70° 30'
This day comes in with a gale from the E. & S. ship laying to under lower main topsail and staysail. 3 Whalers in sight middle port the same. latter part wind moderated some but a heavy sea on about 6 o'clock A.M. raised a school of sperm whales got the Boats ready and lowered two Boats but did not see the Whales again. The Vessel still leaking pumping every night and morning about four hundred strokes in twelve hours

John Bravo Master 1894

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Wednesday May 23

Lat 38° 00' Long 69° 00'
This day comes in with a moderate breeze and a heavy swell from the S.E. Made all sail. Cruising one Whaling Brig and a Merchant Vessel in sight also saw Porpoises. at sundown shortened sail as usual. middle port the same latter part squally with rain

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Thursday May 24

Lat 38° 00' Long 69° 00'
This day comes in with a calm and rain squalls, saw Porpoises and a steamer and one sail at sundown got a moderate breeze from the S.W. middle port raining. latter part moderate breeze made sail. Watch broke out water

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Friday May 25

Lat 38° 22' Long 69° 29'
blowing a gale
This day comes in with a gale and heavy squalls of wind and rain. took in lower fore topsail and reefed the fore top mast stay sail. about sundown wind moderated some but the lower fore topsail, and took the reef out the fore top mast stay sail, wind from the S.W. two Whalers and Grampases in sight middle port the same. latter part good weather made all sail and about 6 o'clock A.M. raised sperm Whales got the Boats ready and lowered two Boats but did not get any. The Brig E. H. Adams got in to them first and got 3 the Whales went out of sight & mended

Man forward