

1894 Journal of the Whaling Bark President
Cruising on Western Ground

110 Saturday Aug 4
This day comes in with a light breeze from the S.W. steering East and about 5 o'clock P.M. our second mate raised several large Sperm Whales about 3 miles off got our boats ready and lowered and gave chase, came on board at sundown with out getting any Whales. We going quickly went out of sight. Weathered as usual, middle port wore ship, latter port moderate breeze made all sail steering off N.E. Henrik Bartista a man forward is off duty sick

111 Sunday Aug 5
This day comes in with a moderate breeze from the W. saw Grampases with over hauled the middles at sundown hauled to the wind and shortened sail as usual. Middle port the same latter port a good breeze made some sail and about 7 o'clock A.M. Stokes a man forward raised a lone Sperm Whale got our boats ready and lowered and chased a white shark came on board and soon after lowered the boats again. Scendy

112 Monday Aug 6
This day comes in with a good breeze the boats were chasing and finally the harbor boat struck and that harbor boat struck the same whale got the whale along side and made fast a little after sundown shortened sail Lat 36 14 Long 45 00

Capt John P. Prave

Latter port called all hands at day light and got the cutting gear up and commenced cutting.

113 Tuesday Aug 7
This day comes in with a light breeze from the W.N.W. got the whale cut in and cleared away the head and started the works and cutting blubber, middle port the same. latter port a calm still boiling and cutting blubber

114 Wednesday Aug 8
This day comes in with a calm still boiling and cutting blubber nothing in sight. Middle port the same. latter port still a calm, still boiling and put some oil below

115 Thursday Aug 9
This day comes in with a calm still boiling and put some oil below saw Black Fish and Porpoises and one sail middle port finished boiling. latter port good weather made sail and stowed some oil below

116 Friday Aug 10
This day comes in with a moderate breeze from the S.W. finished steaming the oil below and about 2 P.M. our Capt raised a lone Sperm Whale got our boats ready and lowered and chased until sundown then came on board without getting any whale went out of sight