

1895 Journal of the Whaling Bark President

4.82 Wednesday Aug 21

This day comes in with a good breeze from the SPM steering N by W and about 3 o'clock PM saw the Whales some ways off got our Boats ready and after a while lower the Boats and gave chase came on dark and the Boats came on board without getting any. Then we shortened sail as usual Middle port strong breeze. Latter part a moderate gale made some sail and steered off to the East

4.83 Thursday Aug 22

This day comes in with a moderate gale from the Wd steering ENE took in the light sails and upper top sails nothing in sight. Middle port the same latter part quite good weather made sail steering East

4.84 Friday Aug 23

This day comes in with a moderate breeze from the Wd steering E by S nothing in sight. Middle and latter part a dead calm. I am still off duty

4.85 Saturday Aug 24

This day comes in with a calm nothing in sight Middle port still a calm also latter part is still a calm saw porpoises and Grampuses

John P. Brassmaster

4.86

Sunday Aug 25 Starboard Boat
This day comes in with a light breeze about two o'clock PM saw the Whales got the Boats ready and lowered and soon after the Starboard Boat struck and a while after the Starboard struck and we got 3 Whales and got them along side about sundown and got the cutting gear and shortened sail as usual. Latter part called all hands at day light and went to cutting in the Whales Lat 37° 00' Long 37° 00'

4.87

Monday Aug 26 Board for Fagel
This day comes in with a good breeze from the Wd got the Whales cut in and sent down the cutting gear and steered off East under short sail. Cleared away the Heeds and started the work about sundown. Nothing in sight Middle port boiling and cutting Blubber. Latter part a moderate breeze still steering East with whole top sails and fly jib

4.88

Tuesday Aug 27
This day comes in with a moderate breeze from the SPM steering East still boiling and pumped some salt water nothing in sight. Middle port still boiling and steering the same. Latter part quite good weather steering the same and boiling and put some Oil down below