

Cruising in St. Michaels Bay

Tuesday Oct 13th 1846

Commenced with fine and pleasant weather at 2 P.M. took the whale along side and got up the cutting gear and at 4 P.M. hooked on cut one side of the head and lashed down at 6 P.M. hooked on and finished cutting at 11.

Calm and pleasant weather. The Land bearing West Dist 25 miles

Wednesday Oct 14th

Calm and light breezes from the westward, raised the decks and commenced boiling middle & latter parts the same. The N.E. Point of St. Michaels bearing S.W. Dist 5 miles

Thursday Oct 15th

Commenced with light breezes and fair weather at 2 P.M. Tackled off shore and by 4 P.M. at 6 P.M. the South point of St. Michaels bearing S.W. Dist 25 miles at midnight we stood to the N.E. looked to the westward at 6 P.M. the N.E. point of the Isl was visible. At 10 P.M. kept off and ran down under the lee of the Isl, so ends employed in boiling

Prepared our Courses for the Cape de Vids Isl

Cours Wind

Friday Oct 16th 1846

First part of this day fresh breezes from the N.E. Tacking off and on under the lee of St. Michaels boiling at 2 P.M. the Capt went on shore to see if there was any chance to ship the oil finding that there was got the chains up and got all ready for coming Lee at 5 P.M. stood in and came too in 20 fath of water it being up on the edge of the bank the anchor did not hold at 10 P.M. got our chains hove in made sail and kept off by the middle and latter parts strong gales at 6 P.M. hove the ship too under short sail (sounded)

Saturday Oct 17th

First part strong breezes with a heavy sea at 6 P.M. saw a whale supposed to be a sperm whale some dist from the ship it then came on deck and we then saw no more of him at 7 made all sail middle and latter part fresh gales with a heavy swell from the North

Sunday Oct 18th

First part fresh breezes with fair weather and a heavy swell from the N.E. at 6 P.M. double reefed the top sails middle & latter part calm with a heavy swell