

Remarks on board Barque Sappho

Thursday Aug 27-1854

First part light gales from SW heading W, W, W. Middle the same latter part heading W by S & W, W, W.

Lat by Obs 3-01 N Long by Chr 81-30 W

Monday Aug 28-1854

First part light gales from SW heading W, W, W. At 4 o'clock ship to S, S, E. Middle part heading S, S, E. Latter part the same employed in ship's duty. Saw Hump Backs

Lat by Obs 1-00 N Long by Chr 81-11 W

Tuesday Aug 29-1854

First part fresh gales from NW heading S, S, E. At half past 3 o'clock saw a large whale gain quick to windward, Down two boats and after him chase him till sun down but could not get near him came on board Middle part heading S, S, E. Latter part at day light wore ship to W, W, W. At 10 o'clock rose up 1/2 mile to windward of the ship. Landed 4 boats and after them.

Lat by Obs 1-20 N Long by Chr 81-56 W

Cruising for Sperm Whales

Wednesday Aug 30-1854

First part the Starboard boat struck a whale. The whale return the compliment and left us in the water. With a big hole in the boat. The starboard boat took the line and save the whale, & set two more a spouting blood at 3 o'clock took the whale along side and cut him in could not find the other two that went off spouting blood. Middle part getting ready for killing Latter part at day light saw more Landed the boat's Starboard boat struck and the rest of the whales went off to the leeward 3 boats in chase at 10 o'clock took the whale along side and run off after the boats at 12 o'clock 2 boats came on board.

Lat 1-30 N



Thursday Aug 31-1854

First part sent one boat to look after the B. Boat. And cut in the whale. Found the bow boat cut in to by a whale took the men and craft on board and let the boat go as she was in two pieces. Middle part commence killing head Latter part employ in killing and repairing the Starboard boat.

Lat by Obs 1-10 N Long by Chr 82-16 W