

the fastest and best looking whaler we have seen this voyage, and has, with the exception of the Bald Eagle, been our best competitor in a trial of speed. She is a Baltimore built ship, and was formerly in the East India trade.

2d At 9 A.M. we raised a sail 4 pts off our weather bow, bearing down to speak us. It was the ship Albion, of Fairhaven, Capt. Soule, from the Arctic Ocean, 28 mos. out, with 2,500 bls. right whale and sperm oil, bound home. Had seen sperm whales 10 days ago.

6th Lat. 30.30 N., long. 178.43 W. Saw sperm whales from the mast head about 3/4 ths of an hour before sundown, 4 pts on our weather bow, about 3 miles off. Lowered all the boats, but the sun sank before we could get fast. Went aboard and made sail in the direction of the whales.

8th Lat. 32.55 N., long. 179.35 E. Blowing a gale, with rain. Lay to under a close reefed main topsail and fore topmast staysail.

12th At sunrise saw a sail ahead. At 9 A.M. a squall struck us, which nearly laid us on our beam ends, and it was not till we were under a close reefed main topsail, that she behaved as she ought. By 10 A.M. the weather had somewhat moderated, and we sighted French Rock from the mast head. At 4 1/2 P.M. the stranger bore down and spoke us. It was the William & Henry, of Fairhaven, 24 mos. out 750 sperm. They had been fast to whales during the squall in the morning, and were obliged to cut. Lay to all night under a close reefed main topsail and fore topmast staysail. Blowing harder than ever. Under a close reefed main topsail.

13th Clear sky, with the wind more moderate, but a very heavy sea on. Set the foresail and fore topmast staysail.

14th Fine weather. Mending the foresail.

15th Sunrise - a sail on our weather bow.

16th