

we lowered away and the waist boat went up and struck a 50 lb whale. Another whale brought to alongside of him, and the starboard boat went on, but owing to the bloody water around both whales, we struck the fast whale instead of the loose one. The mate, however, came up and struck the other one and we saved both. We got them alongside and cut one of them in before sunset, at the conclusion of which all hands, who were at the windlass, gave three rousing cheers for the 4th of July. The old man with his accustomed generosity gave us a flour griddle-cake apiece for supper.

5th Trying out and cutting in. Fine weather, fresh breeze. Furl every thing but close-reefed main topsail and staysail.

6th Light wind. Trying out. At 4 P.M. the ship Norman, of Nantucket, Chase, spoke us. They were 33 mos. out with 800 sperm. They had spoken the Hope, which ship had taken two 70 lb whales.

7th Fine weather, light wind. Trying out, coopersing, putting whaling gear in order, &c.

8th Strong wind, fine weather. Finished trying out. Cleaned the ship a little.

9th Light wind - cloudy. Set jib and fore topsail. Coopersed the oil. Cleaned up some.

10th Light wind, fine weather. All hands turned at the break of day to stow down the oil. A merchant brig, passed us this forenoon, with topgallant studding sails out, bound to the westward, probably from California, bound to China. We stowed down 89 lbs. of oil to day.

11th Fine weather - fresh breeze. Stowed down the remainder of the oil to day. The two whales, taken on the 4th, stowed 100 lbs. of oil. This afternoon, while stowing off the after hatch, the 1st and 2d mates had a regular-built jaw in the presence of the old man. Hard hints concerning duty were given on both sides.

12th Strong breeze. 7 A.M. raised whales 4 pts off our weather bow. We got breakfast and lowered away for them. We pulled and paddled in every direction, but could not get near them. We went about to heave up and come aboard, when we saw the signal from the ship - "Pull to windward." We took our oars and pulled up to windward, where we got afoul of another school. The mate went on first, to a large whale; but the boatsteerer darted both of his irons at the whale's head, and they bounded off like a piece of cork. He hauled in his line. Sent on two new irons, and they went up.