

Ship Speedwell of Faintaven Bound on

strong gale took in all sail set main spencer and foretopmast staysail latter part more moderate set reef maintopsail so ends this day

Sunday

November the 27

November the 27 this day commences with light breezes and pleasant weather from the N E ship under double reef topsails and foresail steering S E by E half E set jib spanker and mainsail shook the reefs out of the topsails and set maintopgallant sail and flying jib broke out for water latter part took in fly jib and maintop gallant sail and double reefed the topsails it blowing strong so ends this day

Monday

November the 28

this day commences with fresh breezes and cloudy weather from the N E ship under whole topsails steering E hands employed in different jobs middle part strong breezes took in sail to close reef maintopsail and foretopmast staysail and main spencer at 10 it blowing a moderate gale later part more moderate at 6 P.M set the foresail so ends

Tuesday

November the 29

this day commences with a strong breeze and squally weather from the E N E ship under close reef maintopsail foresail heading S E middle part shook one reef out of the main topsail and set the fore and mizzen topsails saw a sail latter part the same so ends the day

Wednesday

November the 30

this day commences with a fresh breeze and squally weather from the E S E ship under double reef topsails heading S at 10 we were ship heading S E saw a sail standing to the weather and at 5 P.M shook one reef out of the maintopsail latter part the same so ends this day

Whaling voyage Benjamin F Gibbs Master 1853

Thursday

December the 1 = 1853

this day commences with a fresh breeze and pleasant weather from the S E ship under all sail heading E N E hands employed in fitting boats saw a sail latter part strong breeze took in the flying jib and foretop gallant sail set up topgallant back stays so ends this day

Friday

December the 2nd

this day commences with strong breezes and pleasant weather from the S S W ship under double reefed topsails and courses steering E by S hands employed in ship's duty latter part shook one reef out of the maintopsail so ends this day

Saturday

December the 3

this day commences with strong breezes and pleasant weather from the W ship under sail steering E S E hands employed in setting up rigging middle and latter part the same so ends this day

Sunday

December the 4

this day commences with light breezes and pleasant weather from the N E ship under all sail steering S E saw a sail latter part the same took mast leads to day so ends this day

Monday

December the 5

this day commences with light breezes and pleasant weather from the E S E ship under all sail heading S broke out for water latter part fitting prows and mizzen topgallant rigging so ends this day

Tuesday

December the 6

this day commences with calm lowered the boats to leave the men to pull came on board hands employed in ship's duty saw a finback latter part light breezes from the S E ship under sail heading E N E so ends this day
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