

1854

Ship Vineyard of Edgartown bound on a
Wednesday December 13th 1854

This day commences with moderate breezes and pleasant weather from the E. by N. ship under easy sail heading W. by N. All hands employed in ship's duty. Middle and latter part the same. So ends this day.

Thursday

December 14th 1854

This day commences with light breezes and pleasant weather from the E. by N. ship under whole topsails and foresail steering S. W. by S. Stowed down today. At noon ship steering W. N. W. Latter part the same. So ends this day.

Friday

December 15th 1854

This day commences with moderate breeze and pleasant weather from the E. by S. ship under whole topsails, foresail and jibs steering N. W. by W. All hands employed in ship's duties. Middle and latter part the same. So ends this day.

Saturday

December 16th 1854

This day commences with strong breezes and pleasant weather from the E. by S. ship under double reefed topsails and foresail, heading S. by E. All hands employed in ship's duty. Saw a ship steering N. W. by W. Middle and latter part the same. The com. was back and sent forward to live on account of impudence and negligence. So ends this day.

Sunday

December 17th 1854

This day commences with strong breeze and pleasant weather from the E. by S. ship under moderate sail steering S. W. by W. Middle part the same. Latter part the same. Saw whales, but did not board. So ends this day.

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Spencer Whaling Cruise. Capt Thos. A. Fisher
Monday December 18th 1854

This day commences with light breezes and pleasant weather from the E. N. E. ship under full sail steering N. All hands employed in setting up rigging. Middle part saw a ship. Latter part the same. So ends this day.

Tuesday

December 19th 1854

This day commences with light breezes and pleasant weather from the N. E. by E. ship under full sail steering N. At daylight breeze small heading S. E. by E. Broke out for sharks for the cooper. Saw a sail. Middle part more ship heading N. W. by W. All hands employed in tanning down, and other jobs. Latter part the same. So ends this day.

Wednesday

December 20th 1854

This day commences with light breezes and pleasant weather from the E. by E. ship under full sail steering N. Middle part ship steering N. W. Part employed in setting down and part in tanning down.

Thursday

December 21st 1854

Saw sperm whales this morning and boarded; the harbored boat struck one and killed him. Got him alongside. Latter part and cut him in. light breezes and pleasant weather. Saw a large school of black fish.

Friday

December 22nd 1854

This day commences with light breezes and pleasant weather from the E. ship under moderate sail steering S. by E. by E. Trying out. Saw a school of black fish. Saw a sail. Middle part tracked ship, steering N. E. by E. Latter part the same. So ends this day.

Saturday

December 23rd 1854

This day commences with light breezes and pleasant weather from the E. S. E. ship under all sail steering N. E. No ship at 5 A.M. heading S.

