

Remarks On Board Ship Stephania

Dec Thursday the 21th 1854

Commences with fine breezes from the N.W. Steering E. S. E. Middle part strong breezes from the N.W. Steering E. S. E. Latter part much the same at 4 past 4 A.M. lowered fore night whales and took one to the Waste Boat. at 4 past 11 took the whale along side Lat. 39. 35 S and so ends these 24 hours Long 83. 47 E

Friday the 22th

Commences with moderate gales from the N.W. at 1 P.M. commenced cutting at 4 past 4 finished cutting Middle part strong breezes from the N.W. At 11 P.M. wore ship and stood by the wind to the N.E. about the same time discovered fire in the main top. the main hantlines was hauled up in the main top and coiled away in the after noon before we commenced cutting. and it is supposed they caught fire by the stove pipe to the galley before they were hauled up but we discovered it just in time to put it out without much damage Latter part thick weather wind N.W. stood by the wind to the Westward at 4 A.M. commenced boiling the whale and so ends this Day No Ob.

Saturday the 23th

Commences with strong breezes from the N.W. Steering by the wind to the Westward. Middle part thick and rainy at 7 P.M. wore ship and stood by the wind to the N.E. boiling Latter part much the same at 3 A.M. wore ship and stood by the wind to the Westward fitted the slings to the main yard and sent down the tries and so ends these 24 hours Lat. 39. 14 S Long 83. 57 E

Bound East

Dec Sunday the 24th 1854

Commences with strong breezes from the N.W. Steering S. S. W. Middle part thick and rainy at 1 P.M. the wind hauled to the South Latter part calm clear weather at 4 past 3 A.M. lowered for a right whale struck and drawn and so ends Lat. 39. 25 S Long 84. 20 E

Monday the 25th

Commences with light airs from the West Steering to the Eastward at 4 past 1 P.M. lowered for right whales took two at 7 P.M. took them along side hooked on to one and took in one lip and throat and lashed down for the slight Middle and Latter part much the same at 3 A.M. called all hands got breakfast and commenced cutting and so ends these 24 hours No Observation

Tuesday the 26th

Commences with light airs from the S.E. laying to the wind heading E.N.E. at 4 past two finished cutting at 5 P.M. wore ship and commenced boiling Middle and latter part light airs from S.E. to S. S. W. Steering by the wind to the Westward boiling saw fin backs. and so ends Lat. 39. 17 S Long 83. 50 E

Wednesday the 27th

Commences with light airs from the S. M. Steering by the wind to the West. N.W. Middle part calm Latter part light breezes from the E.N.E. Steering by the wind to the S.E. boiling saw one right whale and a number of fin backs and so ends Lat. 39. 32 S

Thursday the 28th

Commences with fine breezes from the E.N.E. Steering by the wind to the S.E. boiling Middle part much the same Latter part rainy at 4 past 6 A.M. lowered two boats for right whales took two at 11 A.M. took them along side and commenced breaking out to stow down oil and so end this Day No Ob.