

Remarks On Board Ship Stephania

Sunday Dec the 2nd 1855

Commences with strong breezes from the North steering by the wind to the E. N. E. saw a large shoal of Blackfish and Porpoises. at 4 past 7 P. M. saw a right whale lowered two boats but could not get past before it was dark. Middle part strong breezes from the North at 1 P. M. wore ship to the westward. Latter part much the same at 8 P. M. wore ship to the Eastward saw nothing. Lat. 38. 52 and so ends these 24 hours Long 84. 48

Monday the 3rd

Commences with fresh gales from the North at noon wore ship and steered to the west by south at 4 P. M. luffed to the wind heading N. by N. at 6 P. M. saw right whales. lowered two boats without success. came on board close reefed the topsails. Middle part rainy at 9 P. M. the wind hauled to the west at 2 A. M. the wind W. S. W. wore ship and stood by the wind to the N. W. Latter part fresh gales from the N. S. W. at 10 A. M. steered N. E. and so ends Lat. 39. 00 S Long 84. 33 E

Tuesday the 4th

Commences with strong breezes from the S. W. steering S. E. with a heavy swell from the West saw two fin backs. Middle part light airs from the S. W. at 10 P. M. wore ship and stood by the wind to the N. W. Latter part calm, saw nothing. and so ends these 24 hours Lat. 39. 00 S Long 84. 33 E

Wednesday the 5th

Commences with calm weather crew employed in making rattling stuff. Middle part calm. Latter part light airs from the west steering by the wind to the S. S. W. saw fin backs. and so ends these 24 hours Lat. 39. 05 Long 84

Thursday the 6th

Commences with fine breeze from the W. by N. steering by the wind to the S. W. by S. saw fin backs. Middle part much the same took in all sail but the Double reefed main top sail. Latter part Strong Double reefed topsail breezes with squally, rainy weather at 5 A. M. lowered for a right whale at 7 came on board without success at 9 lowered again without success. and so ends this Day beating to the windward after the Lat. 39. 26 S Long 84. 40 E Whales

Cruising For Right Whales

Friday Dec the 7th 1855

Commences with strong breezes from the S. W. beating to the windward after the whales at 9 past 1 P. M. lowered the boats in pursuit at 4 past 2 came on board without success. at sun set took in all sail but the Double reefed main top sail. Middle part luffing by the wind heading N. by N. at 2 A. M. wore ship and luffed by the wind heading S. E. at daylight made all sail at 5 A. M. saw a right whale to the windward at 4 past 6 lowered the boats in pursuit. Latter part calm. pulled 5 miles to the windward of the ship before we came up the whale when he perceived the boats and went to the S. S. W. and so ends these 24 hours Lat. 39. 33 S Long 84. 27 E

Saturday the 8th

Commences with light airs from the West steering by the wind to the S. S. W. at 9 past 3 P. M. saw right whales bearing S. S. E. at 4 P. M. lowered the boats in pursuit the whales 3 miles from the ship when we lowered chased till sun set without success. came on board and took in sail. at 9 P. M. the wind shifted to the North heading to the Westward at 11 past 2 A. M. wore ship and headed to the Eastward. Latter part strong breezes from the North with thick rainy weather at 7 A. M. wore ship and steered S. S. W. at 10 A. M. luffed to the wind to the Westward. with the yard aback and so ends these 24 hours Lat. 39. 33 S Long 84. 27 E

Sunday the 9th

Commences with strong breezes from the North with thick rainy weather. luffing by the wind heading to the westward with the main yard aback at 3 P. M. the fog lit up braced forward the main yard and steered S. W. at 4 P. M. took in sail and steered to the East. Middle part fresh breezes from the North heading by the wind to the Eastward. Latter part fresh gales from the North with cloudy weather heading to the E. by N. Lat. at noon 40. 00 S and so ends these 24 hours Long at 9 A. M. 84. 28 E

Monday the 10th

Commences with strong gales from N. N. E. with rainy weather at 5 P. M. took in all sail but close reefed main top sail and spencers. Middle part much the same at 10 P. M. moderated the wind hauled to the S. S. W. wore ship and luffed by the wind to the S. E. Latter part much the same steering by the wind to the W. E. and so ends Lat. 39. 40 S Long 84. 23 E