

1845 Ship Uncas on a Whaling Voyage

Wednesday October 11th

17 Days out. Commences with fine weather and light winds from S. Ship heading S. E. under all sail. nothing in sight all hands employed breaking out between decks and stowing away Middle Port and canvas S. E. W. Latter Part fine weather and a fine breeze one sail in sight Lat 23° 10' Long 29° 38' W

Thursday October 12th

18 Commences with fine weather strong breezes from S. W. Ship under all sail steering S. E. all hands employed in getting up cutting, rigging and stowing off the fore hole. Middle Port and canvas S. E. W. look in shading sails and brace up the yards heading S. E. by the wind nothing in sight latter Part thick and rainy the watch employ 3 ships duty to end full moon when Lat 25° 10' South

Friday October 13th

19 Commences with thick cloudy weather strong winds from S. E. Ship heading S. E. at 3 P. M. backed to the S. W. heading by the wind all hands employed in ship's duty nothing in sight Middle Port fine weather wind shifts to E. S. E. ship heading S. under all sail so ends Lat 23° 31' South

Saturday October 14th

20 Commences with fine weather wind S. E. steering South set fore top mast tacking sail all hands employed in ship's duty one sail in sight Middle Port thick and rainy Latter Part fine weather wind S. W. steering S. by E. nothing in sight so ends Lat 29° 12' Long 27° 13' W

Sunday October 15th

21 Commences with fine weather and light winds from S. W. ship heading S. E. under all sail all hands employed in ship's duty Middle Port thick and rainy took in main and latter Part wind S. W. steering by the wind saw several fin backs and one carcass of a whale Lat 31° 32' South Long 26° 37' W

1845 Ship Uncas of New Bedford

Monday October 15th

22 Days out. Commences with cloudy weather and rainy wind N. E. W. ship heading S. under all sail one fin back in sight the right whales later look out for breakers for they may get what they want like Middle Port thick and rainy wind S. W. latter Part fine weather wind N. W. steering S. saw several fin backs the watch employed in ship's duty so ends Lat 32° 54' South Long

Tuesday October 17th

23 Commences with fine weather wind S. W. heading S. by the wind under all sail saw several fin backs and one right whale going off to the N. W. Middle Port fine weather to the S. E. took ship heading S. W. by the wind latter Part strong breezes took in fore and main top gallant sail and jib so ends this day Lat 31° 5' South

Wednesday October 18th

24 Commences with strong breezes from East steering S. at 3 P. M. took in main top gallant sail and backed to the wind at 6 P. M. doubled reefed the top sail heading S. E. by the wind Middle Port blowing a gale from E. took in main sail and fore and main top sail at 8 P. M. took in fore sail and shot reefed the main top sail blowing a squall from E. S. E. ship heading S. E. Latter Part wind shifted to S. W. fore top sail and let one reefed out of the main top sail squared the yards steering S. E. so ends blowing heavy No 6's six hours.

Thursday October 19th

25 Commences with thick rainy weather and blowing fresh breeze S. by W. set out a reef and set main top gallant sail course S. E. E. nothing in sight thick rainy weather Middle Port strong gale at 1 P. M. took in main top gal sail latter Part clear weather made safe steering S. E. blowing a gale from S. W. nothing in sight but birds Lat 35° 03' S. Long 20° 10' West

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