

Cruising for Sperm Whaling

Monday July 24th 1843

Commences with pleasant gales from E by S steering Full and by. After part Moderate Gale from E by S. at 3:00 PM a Sail passed us steering to the Southward, at 5:00 PM raised a sail 4 points on our Weather Bow standing to the Northward.

Latitude by 30.31 N

Tuesday July 25th 1843

Commences with moderate breezes from N.E. at 11 past 12 raised another sail 3 points off of our weather Bow. Running before the wind at 4 she spoke the ship that we raised in the morning. in a short time afterwards they spoke us. The first one proved to be the "Waverly" of New Bedford 10 months out 700 Sperm. The other was the Montezuma of Nantucket 19 months out 400 barrels Sperm Oil. Capt. Place spent the afternoon on board of the Waverly. Came on board at 10 P.M. Vanted company and lost sight of them at 9 A.M. This day Capt. Place put up on the Main Manta bounty as follows for a Sperm Whale one Barrell of Oil and 15 in Money. Jan 26 months out to day and not one cent to my name. Ph! Single!

Latitude by 30.00 North

Wednesday 26th 1843

Commences with pleasant breezes from E. N. E. steering Full and by. Saw a Pin back. After part raised a sail on our lee Bow. Stearing to the Northward at 8 A.M. raised the Samuel Robinson of New Bedford. 21 months 700 barrels Sperm Oil. Capt. Place went on board and spent the day there. Moderate breezes from N. by E by

Lat by 29.00.

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Thursday July 27th 1843

Went in company with the Saml Robinson standing to the Eastward in search of Whales with all sail set to catch the breeze. After part Clear and pleasant with winds from South. Were ship at 10 P.M. Capt. Warner came on board at 8 A.M. standing to the Eastward with all sail set to catch the breeze. This morning Capt. Place seized 2 men up in the Rigging and flogged them. James Clark for using insulting language to Mr. Bush. John Stone for interfering with Mr. Bush collared Clark.

To this day 287.58 N
Long 174.30 E

Friday July 28th 1843

In company with Saml Robinson, Capt. Warner on board. Standing to the Eastward in search of Sperm Whales, with light winds and pleasant weather. Saw steam Sacks at 9 P.M. Capt. W. went on board of his own ship. After part Clear and pleasant moderate breezes from S. E. at 9 A.M. J. G. Cox raised Sperm Whales 3 points off of our lee Beam 3 1/2 miles off. Kept off for them, lowered 4 Boats for them and made a signal to Saml Robinson. He darted 2 Irons at a whale but missed him. Excuse too far off. presently afterwards Melchor darted 1 Iron at a whale but missed him. Excuse too far off and deep under water. Whales started to windward pulled after them but it was of no use. Came on board at 12 P.M. Saml Robinson off of our Weather Quarter. They were small whales, on an average say 35 barrels.

No Observation