

Cruising for Sperm Whales!!!

Saturday July 29th 1843

Commenced with clear and pleasant weather with moderate breeze from S by E at 2 P.M. Threw white water & spouts off the bow. Kept her off and stood for it, but saw nothing more of it. Luffed at 3. Saw Robinson off the Quarter. After part calm and pleasant. In Company with S. Robinson

S. M. Saturday August 5th 1843

Commenced with moderate winds from East. Steering full and by. All hands employed stowing down Oil. Warm and clear at 3 P.M. Landed. Sail off of our lee beam standing to the Northward, at 5 P.M. finished stowing down. All hands well with the exception of scurvy. Nearly 20 months out from home and not out of Debble's Cove! My Eye!!! After part moderate winds from S by E. A sail off of our lee beam. Tacked ship at 9 A.M. Nothing in sight.

Lat by Obs 30.31 N.

Sunday August 6th 1843

Commenced with pleasant weather, Wind from N. by E. Watch employed painting &c. After part squally. at 6 A.M. put 2 reefs in the main top sail. Singled fore and main. Sailed a storm.

Lat by Obs 30.56 N.

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Monday August 7th 1843

Commenced with moderate breezes from N. at 2 Tacked ship and stood for her. All action at 3 spoke her, proved to be the Smyrna of New Bedford, 20 months out. 800 barrels sperm Oil. Capt. Place went aboard and spent the afternoon at 9 parted company. After part moderate breezes from S by E.

Lat by Obs 31.30 N.

Long by Chro 178.25

Tuesday August 8th 1843

All these 24 hours fine weather and moderate breezes from N by W. Sail on our weather beam.

Lat by Obs 31.15 N.

Long by Chro 178.52

Wednesday August 9th 1843

Commenced with pleasant weather. Wind from N by E. Steering S by E by compass. Smyrna on our Weather Bow. After part clear and pleasant. at 6 A.M. raised Sperm Whales on our lee bow. lowered & hoisted for them. The Smyrna lowered her boat and fastened. Bow boat pulled up and fastened to the same Whales, but soon cut. We pulled after them until we saw the Smyrna's lower part and then came on board. Whales ahead and on our weather bow.

No Obs this day

Thursday August 10th 1843

Commenced with pleasant weather. Wind from N. S. W. steering full and by. at 2 P.M. Whales to windward, just as far as eye can reach. I forgot to mention this morning that Melber started at a Whale and missed him. Excess too deep under water. Smyrna a storm trying to find her whale that she killed this morning.