

Cruising on Tapan for Sperm Whales

Wednesday Aug 16th 1843

Commenced with strong breezes from S.E. Steering full and by, in search of Whales. After part moderate winds from S.E. by S. At 6 A.M. raised a sail on our lee beam. Tacked ship at 8.30 A.M. at 8.45 A.M. raised a sail 1 point off our Weather bow. Standing before the wind with all sail set.

Lat by Obs 30.04 North
Long by Cho 178.15

Thursday Aug 17th 1843

Commenced with moderate breezes from S.E. Standing on the wind in search of Whales. Saw nothing in the shape of Whales. At Sundown Tacked ship and Handed the Main Sail. Singled reefed fore topsails. Ship heading N.E. After part clear and pleasant weather. At 7 A.M. raised a sail off of our lee beam. At 11 A.M. Tacked ship. At 11.30 A.M. raised a sail on our Weather bow.

Lat by Obs 29.58 N
Long by Sun 178.47 E

Friday Aug 18th 1843

Commenced with moderate winds from N. Steering full and by, at 2 P.M. raised 3 sails on our lee bow. Kept her off for them, and at 9 P.M. spoke the bottom of N.B. Capt. Chase. To 10 miles out 450 fathoms. The other two were the Martha of Fair Haven, and the Mentor of Bedford. She was boiling. Saw another one to the lee ward boiling. After part much the same. Sail O. Sail O. 3 sails in sight and no whales.

Lat by 28.56 North.

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Saturday Aug 19th 1843

Commenced with strong breezes from East. at 7 spoke the ship Martha of Fair Haven 22 months out 600 Sperm Oil. After part squally. At 9 A.M. raised a sail 3 points off our lee bow. Standing to the Southward and Eastward. Employed Plaining and scrubbing Decks. Lat by Obs. I do not know.

Sunday Aug 20th 1843

Commenced with squally and disagreeable weather. Wind from E. Steering full and by, to the North. 1 sail in sight a stern. Watched employed Plaining Decks &c. &c. After part employed Plaining Water ways &c. At 11.30 A.M. raised Sperm Whale on our lee bow. Towed a boat for him.

Lat by Obs 31.53 N
Long by Cho 179.16 E

Monday Aug 21st 1843

Commenced with moderate breezes from East. at 11 past 12 Towed 2 more boats for the whale. Starboard Boat fastened with one Iron. Then Waist Boat. Then Bow Boat. to the same whale. Turned him up. Just before we turned him up. Kruck was getting a set on him. he swung his jaw and Kruck the head of the boat off but luckily no one was hurt. at 3 commenced cutting in. After part moderate cutting in the whale. 2 sails in sight. One on our lee beam. the other on our Weather bow. At 6.30 A.M. Cooper raised Sperm Whales on our Weather beam. Towed 2 boats for them. Whales going to leeward. Waist Boat fastened to one close by the other ship. He Hove up. but not very bad. Bow Boat came up and fastened. He Hove him also. Tripp Cut. the Boat sunk.