Cruising for Sperm Whales.

Tuesday August 29th 1843

Commences with Squally weather, Wind from West South West. Stering on the wind under easy sail to the Southward and Eastward All Hands employ'd Stowing down the Chock'd of the Main-Hatchway at 4 P.M this day I caught an Albicore it being the 2nd fish that I have caught since I have been at Sea. After part light winds from S.W. Stering on the wind

Lat by Obs 30.20 N
Long by Chro. 172.17 West

Wednesday Aug 30th 1843

Commences with Calm and pleasant weather Braced around the yards at 2 P.M Ship heading about S.W. Carpenter employ'd Mending Boat &c. After part light winds from S.E. Wore ship at 7 A.M Employ'd Painting Ship outside

Lat by Obs 30.17

Thursday Aug 31st 1843

Commences with light winds from E.S.E at 1 P.M raised a Sail on our weather quarter at 7 she spoke us. It was the Martha of Fairhaven. He gave Capt Place an invitation to go aboard but as we had been painting we thought it would not be advisable to lower a Boat. Capt Place told him that if he would send a boat he would go. He ask gave him an invitation to come here. but he would not to either, so he braced forward and stood on the wind After part Squally and Rainy 3 sails in sight

Lat by Obs 30.35 N

Cruising for Sperm Whales in Japan

Friday September 1st 1843

Commences with squally and rainy weather Middle part light winds. At 10 raised a Whale on our lee Bow Lowered 3 Boats for him But he was too much of a Dogger for us. Wm's Boat got nearly on top on three times, also the Bow Boat got nearly on and down he went

Saturday Sept 2nd 1843

Still chasing the whales. At 4 P.M came on board whales close by the ship but they are very wild. At 7 spoke the Benjamin Rush of Warren. Capt. Gifford. 25 months out 900 Barrels Sperm. Capt Place went aboard and spent the evening. After part Moderate winds from E.N.E 3 sails in sight to windward at 6 A.M raised Sperm Whales on our weather quarter 4 miles off Jacked ship and stood for them. Chased them all the morning with the ship. and at 11 lowered 3 boats for them

No Obs this day

Sunday Sept 3rd 1843

Chasing whales to windward. nearly on top on three times Came on board at 4 P.M got supper and lowered for whales on our lee Bow Mr Brush heading the starboard Boat. Just at sundown Mr Brush fastened to a Whale he went down and when he came up he spouted Blood. Lanced him about 20 times. which made him roll out Blood in abundance he started gently to windward. Night coming we struck a light and kept close behind him. at 11 P.M he died. took him alongside and all hands turned in for the night. After part employed Cutting in the whale. Pleasant weather. 6 sails in sight and not one of them got any whales. Spoke Benj Rush.

Lat by Obs 27.25