

Remarks on board Bark Yeoman Sperm Whaler

1846 Monday March 9th comes in with fine pleasant weather heading E two sail in sight at sundown shortened sail and made ship middle part fine latter part the same at 6 o'clock all saw large sperm whale lowered the boats for him but without success Lat 43° 22' S Long 51° 00' W

Tuesday March 10th comes in with fine pleasant weather from the W at 1 o'clock boats returned at 5 do spoke ship Joseph Briggs Matthews 18 months out 26 ad lib sperm and the Beronett of New Bedford 20 months out 21 ad lib whale and 800 sperm shingle fine latter part strong breeze heading by the wind SW saw 3 sperm whales so ends this day Lat 39° 40' S Long 51° 17' W

Wednesday March 11th comes in with fine pleasant weather and strong breeze from the NW heading SW at 1 o'clock tacked ship to the NW saw 3 sperm whales middle part fine latter part saw 3 whales and porpoises so ends this day Lat 39° 22' S Long 50° 20' W

Thursday March 12th commences moderate breeze steering course SE at 6 o'clock spoke ship Joseph Briggs again middle part fine latter part strong breeze from the NW steering course SE and saw and equally saw several sail so ends this day employed no ships duty Lat 39° 44' S Long 50° 50' W

Friday March 13th commences strong breeze and equally strong from the NW steering course SE at 4 o'clock took in main top gallant sail at tacked ship to the NW at sundown shortened sail middle part fine latter part the same at 11 o'clock saw large sperm whale going to windward quick lowered the boats for him but without success so ends Lat 38° 54' S Long 49° 16' W

Saturday March 14th commences moderate breeze from the NW steering course SW for the whale in company with ship Beronett of Bedford at 3 o'clock set fore topmast studding sail middle part stood half watches at 10 took in topmast studding sail and top gallant sail latter part saw nothing worth remarking so ends this day with thick fog Lat 39° 40' S Long 50° 35' W

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1846 Sunday March 15th comes in with thick foggy weather and strong breeze from the NW under short sail standing to windward saw 3 sperm whales at 6 P.M. more ships to the NW saw the Beronett middle thick and foggy latter the same so nothing worth remarking so ends this day Lat 39° 45' S Long 50° 30' W

Monday March 16th comes in with thick foggy weather steering course SSE wind from NW under short sail at sundown hauled to the wind WSW middle part rainy accompanied with squalls and light rain latter part clear so ends this day heading is 80 by at Lat 39° 40' W

Tuesday March 17th comes in with fresh gales from the NW heading SE by E laying too under fore and main spritsails middle part the same latter part moderate at sunrise middle sail heading SE at 11 o'clock tacked ship to the NW so ends this day Lat 39° 16' S Long 50° 04' W

Wednesday March 18th commences moderate breeze from the SSE heading W saw nothing worth remarking middle moderate gales latter part the same laying too under fore and main spritsails heading NW at 8 o'clock tacked ship to the SW so ends this day Lat 38° 55' S Long 50° 30' W

Thursday March 19th commences strong gales from the NW by NW heading SE by E middle part the same latter part more moderate made all sail heading SE under SSE so ends this day Lat 38° 15' S Long 49° 28' W

Friday March 20th commences moderate breeze from the SSE heading by the wind SE at sundown shortened sail middle part equally latter part strong gales and variables laying too under short sail and 6 o'clock

Saturday March 21st commences moderate gales from the SSE heading W under short sail middle part the same latter part wind from WSW at 7 o'clock tacked ship to the S so ends this day saw one sail steering SE Lat 38° 40' S Long 50° 30' W