

Remarks on Ground of the Ship Niger
Niger on Right Whale Ground

Friday Nov 21st 1878

This day begins with a light breeze from S
Wind to S.E. and to E Middle part wind from
N.E. ship heading S.E. under lower topsails
Wind blowing fresh later part we are
stowing down oil

2493 Gallons wind from S.E. Nothing
in sight in the shape of right whales
Saw one whale so ends this day work
Lat 36-10 S Long 37.54 W

Saturday Nov 22 1878

This day begins with a strong breeze from
N.W. ship by the wind to the Eastward
at 5 P.M. we was ship to N.W. the weather
thick and hazy look like right whale
in Middle part wind from N.W. ship
by the wind to N.W. later part wind the same
ship by the wind to N.W. at 6 A.M. we set
jib and main topmast staysail at 10 A.M.
took them in again at blowing a
moderate gail with rain so ends
Lat 35-54 S Long 28.20 W

Sunday Nov 23 1878

This day begins with a moderate gale
from N.W. E. at 2 P.M. wind moderate but
thick mist and fog at 6 P.M. saw right
whale we dropped down two boats for a
few minutes the whale appears to be at
home but we galled the whale with the
ship middle part light air and calm later
part light air from the westward with thick
fog saw several fin backs and one sail
so ends this day Lat 35-50 S. Long 28.20 W

of New Bedford Mass Thomas A Hallett Master

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Monday Nov 24 1878

This day begins with light air and calm
at 3 P.M. saw one whale we lowered three
boats and chasing the being calm we
could not get on middle part wind
breeze up from southward later part fresh
breeze from S. at 6 A.M. we lowered for
the waist boat struck the larboard boat
boarded killed the whale with a piece of
gun saw 2 or 3 whales we got the whale
before breakfast we got the whale alongside
at 7.30 A.M. so ends the day for Marshall and
still of duty Lat 35-50 S

Tuesday Nov 25 1878

This day begins with a moderate gale from S.W.
we finish cutting in at 3 P.M. the weather
look stormy middle part we are employed in boiling
and it rained all the middle part and blowed
heavy ship under close reefed main topmast
and fore staysail wind from S.E. later part
wind the same rain most of the time so ends
this day Mr Marshall off duty sick so ends

Wednesday Nov 26 1878

This day begins with wind S.W. with rain
and fog by spells we are boiling nothing
in sight to day middle part the gale
continues the same we are boiling later
part the gale from S.E. the weather
began to look more favorable
saw two fin backs Mr Marshall off
duty