

Remarks on Board of Ship Niger

Sunday Dec 4th 1878
 This day begins with a strong breeze from N.W.
 Ship running to E. & under short sail at
 4 P.M.uffed to try the wind & did see plenty
 of Fin Backs Middle part strong breeze
 from the N. latter part wind the same
 saw plenty of Fin Backs but no
 right whales so ends the day

Lat 26-15 S Long 27-30 W

Saturday Dec 5th 1878

This day begins with strong breeze from
 N.W. ship by the wind to S. by N. saw
 plenty of Fin Backs Middle part wind
 from N. & S. of N. latter part wind from
 N.W. course S. saw plenty of Fin Backs
 at 12 M we wore ship to N.E. by the wind
 so ends the day Lat 37-10 S Long 26-50 W

Sunday Dec 6th 1878

This day begins with a gale from N.N.W.
 Ship by the wind to N.E. Middle part
 wind and weather about the same
 some overcast and hazy could not
 see far at 6 A.M. we wore ship to S.
 saw one or two Backs we are under
 three lower top sails and fore stay sail
 so ends the day No observation

Monday Dec 7th 1878

This day begins with a moderate gale
 from N.W. ship by the wind to N.
 saw two Fin Backs at 7 P.M. took in
 fore and mizen top sails and fore stay
 and let boat crews on watches Middle part
 wind veer to S.E. with rain and at 7 o'clock
 blow a gale ship running to N.W. by
 N under two close reefed top sails so
 ends the day No obs

of New Bedford Mass Thomas D Hallitt Master

Tuesday Dec 8th 1878

This day begins with a gale from S. & E. at
 1 P.M. (weuffed to try the wind to S.W. under close
 reefed main top sail and fore stay sail at 4 P.M.
 gale moderated saw several Fin Back
 whales Middle & latter part of day wind the
 same from S. & E. ship's course S.W. by W
 saw three Fin Backs so ends the day
 work Lat 36-20 Long 28-40 W

Wednesday Dec 9th 1878

This day begins with lite air from S. & E.
 ship by the wind to S.W. at 7.30 P.M. we shortened
 sail with lite air from S. Middle & latter part
 wind S. to N.E. & N. ship's course W. by S.
 saw several Fin Backs this has been a
 dim at 8.30 A.M. we lowered 3 boats for
 a shoal of black fish but did not
 see them after we lowered so ends
 this days work in Lat 36-40 N. Long 28-00

Thursday Dec 10th 1878

This day begins with lite air from N. & E.
 but did not last it veered to N. ship
 course W. by S. with a fine breeze
 from N.W. at 6 P.M. saw sail at 7.30
 we shortened sail and wore ship to the
 East Middle part of day breeze from N.
 latter part wind the same at 9.30 A.M.
 saw a right whale we lowered at
 10 A.M. chase until 12 M. then the
 boats come aboard so ends the
 day Mr Marshall of duty again