

Remarks on board of Ship Nigie of New
On the Right Whale grounds

Oct 25th 1879

This day begins with a strong breeze from
N. N. W. ship by the wind to N. N. W. and
we have hauled chain top sails up fore & main
foiled saw several fin back whales
chiddle part squally at 4 A.M. Hauled
to S. course N. W. by N. ship with top
gallant sails out to end Lat 35-28 Lon 27-50 W

Oct 26th 1879

This day begins with a fine breeze from
S. E. course N. W. ship with top gallant
sails set saw plenty of fin back whales
it began to look out and was day like
right whale grounds then we saw
seen at 6:30 we saw two ship to the back
the two had the head yards a back a 11
ship brace forward at daylight and
set upper top sail at 6:15 A.M. Hear off
to W. N. N. strong breeze from S. E. by E with
fog and mist saw several fin back whales
no observations

Oct 27th 1879

This day begins with a strong breeze from
South. E. ship by bagging off to the windward
at 3 p.m. wind weaned to the Southward
and began to blow on fresh with rain
we took in the upper top sails and
dratten down the hatches chiddle part
its blowing heavy until 11. When it began
to moderate but we did not make any
sail latter part blowing fresh from
S. S. E. ship under lower fore & main
top sails at 6:30 A.M. we were
ship heading to S. E. so ends this day
Lat 34.40 S Long 29.40 W

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Oct 28th 1879

This day begins with a stiff breeze
from S. N. W. ship by the wind to S. E. under
lower top sails saw a dozen or so of fin back
whales chiddle part wind the same light part
wind moderate sent down the lower main
top sail and repaired it and set it again
saw a few fin back whales to end this day
Lat 34-52 S Long 28-15 W

Oct 29th 1879

This day begins with a fine breeze from
the S. with wind with a heavy swell
from the Eastward saw a few fin back
whales chiddle part it rained and wind
moderate almost a calm at 4 A.M. wind
began to breeze up from N. E. ship running
N. by S at 7 A.M. took in upper top sail
and at 9 it began to blow and rain
at 10 A.M. we luffed to on the Port
tack under lower main top sail and
fore top mast stay sail so ends the observation

Oct 30th 1879

This day begins with a gale from S. E. with
rain ship laying to under lower main
top sail and fore top mast stay sail heading
to E. S. E. chiddle part wind moderated
and hauled to the Noeward & soon hauled
to the latter part blowing from N. by
S. ship under lower fore & main
main top sail so ends Lat 35.00 30.00 W

Oct 31st

This day begins with a strong breeze from
W. ship by the wind to N. N. W. under lower
fore & main top sails chiddle part wind
light from N. N. W. latter part at 6 A.M.
steered off E by South with top gallant
sails out saw one fin back whale wind
steady and a strong breeze so ends
Lat 35-10 S Long 28-20 W