

Remarks on Board of Ship Niger of
Dec 6 1879

This day begins with a moderate breeze from N.W. With a heavy swell saw several fin back whales and a right whale feeding ship by the wind to the under whale top sails and lower at 7 p.m. took in mainsail and set the latter middle part wind the same latter part we are employed in blowing down in the main hole at 11.30 we finish blowing down at 11.40. It was blowing at a good breeze we gave the back Sarah to hale she had just arrived on the whale ground so ends this day Lat 36-55.2 35-11 W

Dec 8th 1879

This day begins with a fresh breeze from N.E. to N.W. ship under lower top sails at 7.30 p.m. we fouled the fore & mizzen top sails and wore ship to the eastward its blowing fresh and raining middle part we fouled the fore and mizzen lower top sails latter part we wore ship under all sail the sky overcast and hazy at 11 A.M. saw several fin back whales so ends this day work Lat 37-10 N Long 25-30 E of oil whale blowed down 2334 gallons

Dec 9th 1879

This day begins with a light breeze from N.W. to N.W. by N. with thick fog at 7.30 p.m. took in sail to lower top sails middle part strong breeze from N.W. by N. ship by the wind on starboard tack latter part wind the same at 6.30 wore ship to N.W. ship under all sail saw one sail and a lot of fin back whales Lat 36-55 S Long 26-10 W

Dec 10th 1879

This day begins with strong breeze from N.W. ship by the wind to the N.W. sent down main top gallant sail to repair it at 4.30 we wore ship to S.W. by N. saw one sail latter part strong breeze from N.W. by N. the ship Adams in sight Lat 36-35.2 26-20 W

New Bedford Mass Thomas A Hallett Master
Dec 11th 1879

This day begins with a strong breeze from N.W. by N. ship under whole main top sail with fore & mizzen fouled at 1.35 we saw two right whales at 2 p.m. we lowered 3 boats the larboard boat struck and lost the whale got lightly stove when we struck it was very stiff the iron draw middle part late breeze from N.W. latter part the ship Eliza Adams in sight we are cruising over the grounds took three times later a few fin back whales so ends Lat 36-35 N Long 26-31 W

Dec 12th 1879

This day begins with a moderate breeze from N.E. to N.W. saw two or three fin back whales at 7 p.m. took in sail down to lower top sails middle part it breezed up with rain at 6.30 we steamed off to N. took in the mizzen top sail at 9 o'clock we fouled the fore top sail and fore sail and luffed to our port tack the wind veered to N. at 11 A.M. we loose wings the main top sail so ends this day Lat 36-10 N Long 26-54 W

Dec 13th 1879

This day begins with a gale from N. ship laying to our port tack with loose wings main top sail fore staysail and main spruce middle part the gale continue at 9 middle part it blow very heavy sea boarded us we wearing to the N.W. latter part at 4.30 we caught the forward davit to the waist boat and continue to lay on port tack under loose wings main top sail fore staysail and main spruce so ends this day no observation