

Thursday  
Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1843  
Barque Bennett cruising off the River La Plata  
first part light breezes from the N.E. steering S.W. lower ed  
about a caught 2 tooth. at sunset double reef the topsails, wind  
shifted in the night to N.W. at daylight made sail & steered  
E.N.E. light breezes & is smooth sea and a beautiful weather  
to take care of a Large Whale if we could be fortunate  
enough to fall in with one; the watch on deck employed  
in making a new foretop sail tie & cutting up spun yarn  
for the want of better hairifera



Lat in  $34^{\circ} 45' S$   
Long in  $50^{\circ} 30' W$

Friday  
Jan 20<sup>th</sup> fine weather wind from the Northward courses E & E.N.E.  
cut a new topsail tie saw fin back in the afternoon  
at sunset shortened sail at daylight made sail &  
manned the mast heads raised a large Brig steering to  
the Eastward saw a jumper hauled aboard and layed about  
20 minutes then braced forward to look for something  
of more consequence

Lat by obs  $34^{\circ} 49' S$   
Long by Chron  $49^{\circ} 03' W$   
Long by Lunar  $49^{\circ} 20'$

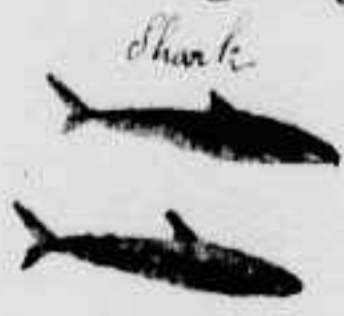
Saturday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1843 commenced with moderate breezes from the Northward  
became heading E & E.N.E. at 7 P.M. we were agreeably  
surprised with the pleasant sound of three whistles  
from the fore topgallant yard: a Shoal of Large & small  
Sperm Whales going quick to the windward stood along  
a few minutes & down Boats & after them chased them  
till sunset or about 15 miles & gave up the chase  
not much pleased with our luck; got on board  
after dark; took up the Boats and double reef the tops  
ails; latter part strong gales & rugged weather caught  
one Porpoise



Lat by obs  $34^{\circ} 49' S$   
Long by Chron  $47^{\circ} 50' W$

Sunday  
Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1843  
Eddey Mc Luer Master  
commenced with moderate breezes from the N.W.  
Barque heading N.E. caught two large Sharks; at 1 P.M.  
set the fore topsail double reef & g.b. at sunset furl'd them  
again; at 7 in the evening wind shifted to the Southward  
& blew strong; at 11:30 midnight took in the fore sail wove  
Ship to the Westward & put the Boats Boat over the  
upper crane; at daylight set the fore sail, at 11 more  
moderate set the topsail & raised the mast heads  
to look for Whales so ends these 24 hours  
Lat in  $37^{\circ} 30'$   
Long by Chronometer  
Do  $48^{\circ} 50' W$

Sunday  
Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1843



Monday  
Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 1843 commenced with moderate breezes from the Southward  
at 2 P.M. turned out the reefs; at sunset double reef  
again; calm through the night at daylight a smart  
breeze sprang up from the S.W. made sail & steered  
S.W. nothing here seen to day except a solitary Porpoise  
I am in hopes to fall in with somebody from home  
and get late news & some pipes as our is about all gone

Lat in  $34^{\circ} 47' S$

Long in  $45^{\circ} 08' W$

Tuesday  
Jan 24<sup>th</sup> commenced with strong breezes from the N.W. Barque  
Sun Fish heading to the Westward saw one Shoal of Grampuses in the  
afternoon; at sunset shortened sail as usual, middle  
& latter part light air & variable started a lot of  
freshwater lowered a boat & caught a Sun Fish at  
lowered again after 2 hours with out success  
so ends another fine day without seeing the Spout  
of a Sperm Whale

Lat in  $34^{\circ} 58' S$

Long in