

Wednesday Dec 3-1874

Lat 37.38 First part of this day, moderate breeze from the S.W. Ship steering E. Middle and Latter parts the same. Employed in boiling the black fish. Saw several fin backs and so ends this day.

Thursday Dec 4

Lat 37.53 First part of this day moderate breeze from the S.W. Ship steering E. Middle and Latter parts the same. Repaired the mizen top sail. Started water about dark John Vera raised a sperm whale, going about N by W. lowered two boats but the whale went down. Came aboard and took in all sail to lower main top sail, and stood on opposite tack during the night - so ends.

Friday Dec 5

Lat 37.34 First part of this day strong breeze from Long 165.17 the S.W. Ship running in different directions look for a whale. Middle and Latter parts on the starboard tack heading E.S.E. Saw one fin back and so ends this day.

Saturday Dec 6

Lat 38.09 First part of this day strong breeze from the Long 167.30 S.W. Ship on the port tack heading E.S.E. Middle and Latter part wind light. Saw nothing. Wet hold. Started molasses. so ends.

Sunday Dec 7

Lat 38.40 First part of this day light air and calms ship steering E.S.E. Middle and Latter parts the same. Saw a school of kills. Robert R. Lee returned to duty and so ends this day.

Monday Dec 8-1874

First part of this day light breeze from the W.N.W. Ship steering E.S.E. Middle part steering E. Latter part the same. wind freshening. Saw fin backs. Repaired the jib and fly jib. Started bread. at sun down took in all sail to lower main top sail at midnight luffed two on the port tack heading N and so ends this day.

Tuesday Dec 9

Lat 37.30 First part of this day strong breeze from Long 171.00 the W.N.W. Ship on the starboard tack heading S.W. Weather thick and rainy. Middle and Latter parts the same. Saw nothing and so ends this day.

Wednesday Dec 10

Lat 37.44 First part of this day good breeze from Long 171.54 the W.N.W. Ship steering E. Middle and Latter parts steering N.W. by W. Saw one fin back and so ends this day.

Thursday Dec 11

Lat 37.08 First part of this day good breeze from Long 169.37 the S.W. Ship steering N.W. Middle and Latter parts the same. Started water. Saw one fin back and jumpers, and so ends this day.

Friday Dec 12

Lat 36.24 First part of this day light air and calms Middle the same. Latter part light breeze from the N. Ship on the starboard tack heading W.N.W. Repaired the upper fore top sail, and bent it again. Rove new fore top mast stay sail halyards, and put a new piece on the main top sail halyards, and so ends this day.