

Wednesday. Nov 14th 1883

Very strong breeze from the ESE ship
cruising to the eastward of Curtis Rks
and Goat-island which are in sight -
nothing been seen except porpoises and
grampiers so ends on other day.

Thursday Nov 15th

This day good weather with strong
breezes from the NE ship cruising
between Goat-island and Curtis rocks
about half way between the two islands
and about eight miles to the westward
of them about 4-30 PM, Mr. Morgan, raised
the large sperm whales going to windward
lowered the boats Starboard boat went
on and struck the whale in the head
and away he went, we have had fearful
luck this season with the boatmen
missing whales it does seem so hard
when we need the oil so badly and
try so hard to get it - saw one sail
to the leeward.

Friday Nov 16th

Strong breezes from the ENE ship
cruising round the island and rocks
nothing been seen except one sail
birds and a large piece of sulphur

Saturday Nov 17th

Light breezes from the NE with rain
ship cruising to the eastward of the land
saw a school of black fish and some squid

Sunday

Nov 18th 1883

Strong breeze from the ESE with frequent
rain squalls, cruising to the eastward
of Goat-island about 9 O'clock AM John B. L.
raised a large school of sperm whales going
SW, lowered the boats for them and the
Starboard boat struck took the whale along
side and got it cut in about 5 O'clock

Monday

Nov 19th

Blowing a gale from the SE ship
under main spruce on port tack
very heavy sea on barometer very low
nothing been seen except birds.

Tuesday

Nov 20th

Still blowing strong from the S ship
under short sail one ship about 2 PM
cut up the blubber and put it in the
tank to save it - any amount of bird in
sight

Wednesday Nov 21st

Blowing strong ship under storm
sail saw the boat W Morgan to windward
also Goat-island to the leeward about 16
miles off.

Thursday Nov 22nd

Very good weather, wind from the WSW
ship cruising about the island saw
one sail and a large number of birds
employed boiling so ends.

Friday Nov 23rd

Very light breeze from the W ship on the wind
working to the WSW, about 1 O'clock spoke boat
W Morgan. Capt. & Mrs. Keith came on board
saw Goat-island to the westward,