

Friday

Oct 31st 1884 Lat-34. 23

Strong breezes from the N.E. by E ship stood on opposite tacks during the day weather very thick and muggy. plenty of fin backs been seen, nothing new to write, no observation.

Saturday

Nov 1st

Blowing a gale from the N.E. with heavy rain, and weather very thick, about 7 A.M. the Cook raised two right-whales one point and a half on the weather bow going to the E made what sail we could and worked to the windward but it came on to blow so hard had to take it in also rained heavy could not lower for them on account of weather saw a large number of fin backs and feed. no observation, moderating a little to night raised ^{four right} more whales to right to the leeward.

Sunday

Nov 2nd.

Moderate breezes from the E.N.E. with very heavy swell on, and a thick fog, at day light raised a right-whale about a ships length off, lighted up some and lowered the boats chased until 11. O'clock and then it came in very thick saw nothing more of the whales they were going to the windward the last we saw of them saw four whales in all. boats got aboard about 12. O'clock. we are feeling badly to see whales so often and having such bad weather we cannot get them hope to have better luck the next time the fog is very thick to night, no observation.

Monday

Nov 3rd 1884

This day first and middle part a dead calm latter part strong breeze from the S. at day light the Cook raised right-whales about half a mile off and all the boats for them, did not succeed in getting any of them, after words raised four more astern of ship and the Starboard boat struck they towed the whale to the ship got aboard about 12 O'clock got dinner and commenced to cut-gd through about 7. O'clock Mrs Brightman raised the last-whales, saw eleven different ones, also saw killers with them.

Tuesday

Nov 4

Strong breezes from the S.W. about 5 O'clock A.M. the Cook raised two right-whales on the lee beam, lowered the boats for them and the Starboard boat struck and the win came out he went out of sight to windward spouting blood beat to the windward for him but could not gain any on him it was hurt with the darting gun, we are feeling badly to loose him being a large whale, boats got aboard about 12 O'clock, men employed stowing down oil in the fore hold.

Wednesday

Nov 5th

Very light breezes from the S.S.W. ship on the wind working to the S.E. about 2:30 P.M. Joe boatster raised two right-whales four points on the lee bow going to windward lowered all the boats for them but without success, employed boiling weather fine but a very heavy swell on.