

Lat 44° 10'

Cruising For Right Whales

Thursday, Dec 27th 1883

the fore part a strong breeze from the S. E. & P. O. on Port tack. Latter part the same. Not a thing moving - a heavy swell running

Friday, Dec 28th 1883

In 4th the fore part calm & light breeze from the S. E. fine weather course S. E. mainsail down & put a piece of Rye in the leach. & shankers down & repaired it. Latter part best Shanker. Course the same nothing but a school of porpoises -

Saturday, Dec 29th 1883

 the fore part blowing strong from the S. W. West. Course S. E. Lat 5. 4. M. Whales raised by. In. Cook. Landed 3 boats S. W. & L. B. got the 2nd whale. began to cut. Latter part finished cutting cleared the head. Having clear. Landed 2nd M. Spencer. this morning Early sent Missen topsail down

Sunday, Dec 30th 1883

Gale the fore part gale moderating with a heavy sea running wind S. W. cutting the whale up. Made a little sail Latter part a heavy swell nothing in sight -

Monday, Dec 31st 1883

Gale the fore part having a gale from the S. W. on star tack sailing. Latter part more round wind S. W. & squalls. with a heavy sea running a few gals. - Boiling

So. E. mds. 1883. thank God for our success. May the New Year be as fruitful. -

1884

Thus Begins The New Year. On the Right Whale Ground

Tuesday, Jan. 1st 1884

In 4th the fore part blowing a gale from the S. W. Laying on Port tack sailing. Latter part the same at 5 P.M. finished sailing & cleared up around - blowing heavy in squalls. - Dip' bare sick

Wednesday, Jan. 2nd 1884

In 4th the fore part blowing a heavy gale from the S. W. with Rain Laying on Port tack - Latter part bare squalls from the W. Laying on Star tack - to night blow around again

Thursday, Jan. 3rd 1884

In 4th the fore part a strong gale from the S. W. on Port tack. Latter part moderating a little more around & made a little sail at 12 P.M. under way again - all well.

Friday, Jan. 4th 1884

In 4th the fore part S. W. S. W. gale & squalls. Latter part more ship heading in to the S. W. nothing in sun moving - all well -

Saturday, Jan. 5th 1884

the fore part to Right S. W. S. W. breeze blowing down our oil. a few fishbacks seen. Latter part finished stowing 60. bbls of oil - washed off - Calm. Nothing moving -

Sunday, Jan. 6th 1884

the fore part calm & a sea light breeze from the E. the latter part fine light wind E course S. W. a few porpoises - all -

Best Missen
Forsail down

Monday, Jan. 7th 1884

the fore part fine weather wind S. E. course S. W. Mended Missen topsail & sent it sent down the forsail for repairs - Bone off the star side of M. mast up & laying nothing in sight - all well