

16) 200 ft. stines  
 108  
 90  
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 52  
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 84.30

Ship Kikusoff & Pierce Master 1852  
 May 20 Thursday

Light gins & calms from the Westward  
 the ship steering N. 41° W. At 5 1/2 put off  
 the boats for right whales which proved  
 to be a very large cow & calf the mate  
 struck the calf then the waist boat  
 struck the cow being down at the time  
 Lat 57.18 N. they was bad whales to work round our lines  
 Long 176.29 E. getting about and the whales not running  
 much we cleared our lines and the waist  
 boat hauled ahead and got a slight lance  
 at one which brought them together then she  
 came under the head of the waist boat  
 I sat my lance in him but it did not do  
 him much he cracked one streak of the boat  
 slightly then the starboard boat pulled  
 up and struck the cow and she stove the  
 boat very bad and killed the boatswain  
 instantly and hurt two men the waist  
 boat cut line and picked them up and put  
 the boat in tow for the ship the bow boat  
 was half way to us a coming from the  
 ship the <sup>ship</sup> being about 5 miles off the bow  
 boat pulled up and struck the cow then  
 she stove the starboard boat the mate fell  
 over on his flukes and the boat turned  
 over the bow boat picked them up and  
 turned the boat right side up and carried  
 her out the crew all got into her again  
 except the mate he went up to the whale  
 again and she struck the steering ear and  
 that showed the third mate some distance  
 from the boat the mate killed and sunk  
 the calf they being wet & cold and only  
 one boat to work with she cut from the cow  
 and come aboard as soon as they got aboard  
 the waist boat put off for the whale again