

Bark Mermaid Cruising on South Coast

Saw Whales weather and moderate breeze from S.W. the Bark  
 Friday steering to the W.N.W. by the wind middle and  
 Saturday latter part about the same. at 11 A.M. Saw Whales  
 going to the Eastwards. Lowered about noon at 3 P.M.  
 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Struck and saved an 80 barrel Whale took him to  
 December the ship about 5 P.M. two boats off in chase  
 at 10 P.M. took up the boats and were ship off shore  
 at noon Cape Horn bearing N.E. to about 15 miles



Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup> Comes in with Good  
 weather and light winds from the S.E. Employed  
 Stowing down soil in the fore hold at 10 A.M. Saw  
 whales going slow to the Westward lowered three boats  
 the widest boat struck about 2 P.M. and saved  
 an 80 bl Whale got him alongside about dark  
 at noon Balch head bearing North  
 18 miles off shore



Monday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1873 This morning got under weigh  
 with moderate breeze from S.W. at noon clear of Balch head  
 at midnight were ship and steered off West Homeward bound.  
 ends with light winds three vessels in sight.

Bark Mermaid Homeward Bound

Sunday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1873 Comes in with fine weather and moderate  
 Breeze from the S.E. Steering W.N.W. Middle and latter part much the  
 same at 5 P.M. Saw a large body of Spum Whales going slow to the  
 North, too late to lower. Took in sail and tried to keep even of  
 them at 7 A.M. Steered off N. at 10 A.M. Steered N.W. until noon  
 and then Steered W.N.W.  
 Lat 32.00 Long 107.00

Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> Comes in with Good  
 weather and fresh breeze from S.E. Steering W. by N.  
 at 7 A.M. Saw Whales going to windward lowered  
 for them and got nothing not much chance  
 at sunset spoke John Dawson 3 months out 150 bl  
 Spum, yesterday spoke Chas W Morgan 18 months  
 out 900 bl all told  
 Lat 27.00 Long 76.20. E



Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> Comes in with good breeze  
 from the Eastward Steering W. by N. at 9 o'clock saw  
 Whales going to the Westward lowered and struck to the  
 3 boats. Saved a Cow and Small Calf and lost another  
 large Cow with a line attached hooked on and  
 cut them in finished about 8 P.M. and steered  
 off our course  
 Lat 27.30 Long 44.00. E.