

Journal of the Whaling Bark President 1894

4th April 20

This day begins with quite a strong breeze and cloudy from the SSW. took in the mainsail heading along by the wind on the starboard tack. Saw one seal middle port the same. latter part more ship wind the same but foggy. pumped ship and found the ship was leaking

5th Saturday April 21

This day comes in with quite a strong breeze and foggy from the SSW. wore ship. Wabbs employed in ship duty. Saw a steamer middle port the same. latter part still foggy wore ship so ends

6th Sunday April 22

This day comes in with a moderate breeze and rain from the SSW. wore ship heading along by the wind. Wabbs employed in ship duty. Saw a steamer middle port the same. latter part wind the same but quite clear but the mainsail and fly jib

7th Monday April 23

This day comes in with a light breeze and a heavy swell from the SSW. took in the main top gallant sail and fly jib. About five PM lowered the three boats to practise the crew. Nothing in sight. Middle port the same. latter part wind very light and quite clear. saw several sails. Wabbs employed in ship duty. the vessel still leaking pumping night and morning

John Praver Master

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Tuesday April 24

Lat 39° 20' Long 71° 25'

This day begins with a calm water employed in ship duty. Middle port still a calm latter part light breeze from the WNW. Made all sail heading along by the wind

Wednesday April 25

Lat 39° 00' Long 73° 15'

This day begins with a good breeze from the WNW. Wabbs employed in ship duty. saw several sails at sundown took in the light sails. Middle port wind hauled to the NW steering SW. latter part moderate breeze but the light sails steering SW

Thursday April 26 Hatteras Ground

Lat 37° 04' Long 73° 14'

This day comes in with a moderate breeze from the NW steering S by W. Wabbs employed in ship duty. Saw four boats and two sails, at sundown took in the light sails. Middle port the same. latter part light breeze. Made sail and a while after saw four Schooners with three boats down chasing whales and two other got whales. the wind died out a calm so we could not get to them. Wabbs broke

Friday April 27

Lat 38° 55' Long 72° 50'

Cruising on Hatteras Ground. This day comes in with a calm. the four Schooners in sight two of them cutting at sundown took in all sail but lower topsails and layed aback. Middle port the same. latter part light breeze at daylight. Made all sail heading along by the wind.