



Although the attack on the *Essex* was the first-known disaster of a whale fatally attacking a whaling ship, the event happened again—at least three times in later years—to the following vessels:

- The ship *Pocahontas* of Tisbury (in 1850);
- The ship *Ann Alexander* of New Bedford (in 1851); and
- The bark *Kathleen* of New Bedford (in 1902).

In each of these four disasters, there was at least one common element: The attack was by a sperm whale who rammed the vessel with its head.

This watercolor on paper, created by an unnamed artist from the American School around 1875, depicts a “Whale Destroying Whaling Ship.”

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