

Ship & Group, Cruising of Cape Lisbone Arctic Ocean

Wednesday September 19th 1866

Commenced calm, middle part moderate latter part fresh, stood in shore during the middle part, at 3.50 took the ship & stood off. Saw some signs in shore latter part squally, with snow & hail. have not seen a whale to day

69° 10'

167° 00' W

Thursday September 20th 1866

Spent one month to day signs we got a whale from middle part fresh, working to the windward wing about S.E. during the afternoon a number of ships lowered for whales, we landed once during the afternoon

69° 15'

166° 20' W

Friday Sept 21st 1866

commenced moderate, at 5 A.M. fresh, double reefed the topsails, at 11.30 lowered after a whale, very coarse whaling, & rather cold

Saturday Sept 22

Commenced with a fresh gale from the N.E. & snowing, under short sail, latter part wind N.W.

Sunday Sept 23rd 1866

Commenced strong from N.W. at 5 A.M. commenced to make sail, during the middle part whole topsails, latter part strong under short sail, 7 sails in sight at 5 A.M. saw Cape Lisbone bearing S. 62° 25' miles distant

Monday Sept 24th 1866

Sho & fine - birth day. Strong breeze, & coarse whaling weather

Tuesday Sept 25th 1866

fresh breeze, under short sail, during the after noon run of to the S. - at night - left - the wind whaler secured, lowered but one to day.

Wednesday Sept 26th 1866

moderate, main topgallant sail set, saw ships whaling all around us, but we saw nothing but galled whales or 4 whales that other ships were chasing, the Massachusetts took her twelfth whale to day, two ships boiling, one of them the Corral, five whales, at night engaged with the S. G. H. cad, 74 whales & P. O. H. cad, 1 whale latter part commenced a gale of wind from the S.E. & double reefed the topsails

Thursday Sept 27th 1866

Commenced with a strong gale from the S.E. at 3 A.M. close reefed the topsails & took up the boats, at 11 A.M. wind N.W. latter part more moderate, salt water freezing as fast as it struck the deck 69° 20' N 166° 15' W

Shoring Straits September 30

Friday September 28th 1866

Commenced with a heavy gale from Westward, under two close reefed topsails, at 1.30 A.M. took in the fore topmast during the fore noon it blew very heavy heavy, and a heavy swell running, heading from S.E. to S.W. at 5 A.M. fur - the bow & waist - bear - up on the upper masts, or hoisted them up to the davit heads at 10 A.M. little more moderate, raised the land of the sea greater, (Cape Lisbone) about 3 called all hands, ship then under double reefed main, close reefs, fore & mizen & foresat set - the Main sail wind hauled about N.W. took the mainmast in about 4, or 4.30, about 5 steered free, at 7 left to the wind heading to the Westward. The weather awful cold, salt water freezing as fast as it strikes the deck Lat - 66° 50' N Long 167° 40' W

Saturday Sept 29th 1866

commenced strong, from the N.W. big & wind heading to the westward, at 2.30 left - of to the S.E. during the middle part whole main topsails at 6 P.M. close reefed the topsails, two ship with us the Joseph Mayfield & Corral, latter part strong running all night, under close reefed topsails

Lat - 68° 30' N Long 167° 10' W

Sunday September 30th 1866

Commenced strong, at daylight made all sail, yards braced inwards short, raised Cape East & the S. G. H. cad, passed to the Eastward of them, middle part moderate latter part light, Sailed with the Joseph Mayfield, 6 whales 5.40 left, during the latter part made up to Kings Island, got a cask of Bread of the S. G. H. & returned to cask, four sails in sight

Monday September October 1st 1866

moderate, from the S.E. at 7 A.M. strong, at 9 double reefed, making, during the morning drew several casks of salt water to him, ship, at 11 - were ship heading to the S.E. at 12 A.M. steering a course, at 3 P.M. spoke the Thomas Dickson & whaler, latter, latter part fresh breeze, steering S.E. & for St. Lawrence Island