

St. Paul Island, Cruising for Right Whales
Tuesday October 2nd/66

Commenced drift from the Northward, steering to the N. during the fore part, middle part S.W. at 1 P.M. raised St. Lawrence Island, during the middle part, inside double reefed topsail, foremast & jib, with foremast moderate breeze, middle part

Lat 61, 53' N Long 169, 08' W

Wednesday October 3rd/66

Commenced with a fresh breeze from the N.E. passed St. Lawrence Island a St. Lawrence Island about 4 P.M. did not see it on account of its being cloudy. At 1 P.M. double reefed the topsail, during S.W. at 6 P.M. the foremast, took in the foremast & jib, topsail & jib to the wind, then about 11 P.M. Long 171, 46' W

Lat 59, 25' N

Thursday October 4th/66

Commenced strong from the N.E. going to the N. double reefed topsail, at 4 P.M. kept of steering S.E. at 1 P.M. to the wind, moderate gale latter part

Lat 59, 10' N Long 171, 18' W

Friday October 5th/66

Commenced fresh, moderate under easy sail, at 5 A.M. saw a whale topsail, at 6 P.M. thick under squall, at 7 P.M. of strong S.W. at 12 P.M. raised St. Paul Island, fore ship in sight, at 4:30 P.M. saw the ship St. George whaling several Right whales at 6 P.M. gained with the St. George 6 whales this season, latter part high breeze, ship under double reefed topsail Lat 57, 15' N Long 170, 49' W

Saturday October 6th/66

Commenced with the wind from the E. and a fine whale seen at 12 P.M. lowered after weight whale saw a good number the Starboard boat bunched on a whale in mid night for did not get far forward sail in sight two boiling, & 3 just about all whaling, did not see for one whale, heard the Starboard boat it was the Florida, Fordham I was real glad for her, at dark quite fresh double

Sunday October 7th/66

Commenced strong from the E. a number of ships in sight, one the Moscow shot a whale, but lost him, took the Robert Burns (English) 10 whale about to the Sandwich Islands

Monday October 8th/66

Commenced strong & continued so all day, low wind time to day, but on can catch him St. Pauls Island bearing to the S.W. of us

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Tuesday October 9th/66

Commenced strong from the S.W. under show sail middle part standing to the Eastward at 5 P.M. was ship standing to the N. under the E. of St. Paul Island saw the Florida boiling, saw 6 whales to day

Lat 56, 55' N Long 170, 58' W

Wednesday October 10th/66

Commenced strong under close reefed topsail middle part moderate all sail set, went along side of the Ocean a few moments, saw the Bay Head sink a whale latter part quite moderate

Thursday October 11th/66

Commenced moderate from the E. middle part light late part moderate & swelling saw but two whales, to day heard for once what going quick, at night had a general gain, among the number was the Starboard, an old ship when dark came on sight and snatched a victim, an old chum came on board from the Starboard, (James Saunders) had a fine time together, he belongs to Fanning

Friday October 12th/66

Commenced light from the E. & sail in sight, see ship whaling to day in sight, at dark saw a whale one rising, gained with the Starboard, put on letter on board of her to day, latter part much like the fore part

Saturday October 13th/66

Commenced light & continued so all day, saw some whale, heard for without success, at night left board, of the Florida came on board, 8 whales Lat 56, 55' N Long 171, 09' W

Sunday October 14th/66

Commenced light from the S.W. heading to the S.W. gained with the Florida & Europa small & latter part much the same

Monday October 15th/66

fore part light from the S. middle part fresh from the Westward, latter part gale of wind from the S.W. heading to the S.W.

Tuesday October 16th/66

commenced with a strong gale from the S.W. in fore part & under a close reefed topsail, a boat of the crew ship heading to the S.W. wind from the N.W. blowing very heavy, at all of a while from latter part under moderate, small sail, during a squall, at 11 P.M. heard sharp top, saw 4 & 6.