

Saturday Sept 19th

Moderate wind from N.E. and a thick foggy part of the day. Ice 10 miles off the land. In the morning we run off to the S.W. along the ice & saw a big pod of whales & we run to the S.W. most of the day. Spoke the Mayflower with 7 whales. Spoke the James Allen & whales. Also Massachusetts of Trisco 10 whales. All the ships run off to the S.W. along the ice. Found and got 31 fathoms of water. Employed in boiling and trying cement a broken pot. Finally the pot leaked and got a fire. So we had to knock off using it and made preparations to get a new pot. This pot is broken in a bad time, for we have a chance to catch more oil. We run to the S.W. for fear of being shut up here. I think we are off the Sea Horse Islands.

Sunday Sept 20th

Light air from S.W. and fine weather. Got all sail in the morning and tried to beat to the S.W. along the land & ice. Ice 8 miles off the land. We are off the Sea Horse Islands. About 10 ships in sight & all are boiling and cutting. Saw plenty of whales around the ship along the ice, but we did not lower our boats for we have not room to put another whale. In the morning we took out our broken pot and got another pot by noon and went to boiling. It is not much work to get a pot as I thought it was.

Lat by obs 41, 12

Monday Sept 21st

Boeing with moderate wind from N.E. and good weather. The ice was closing on the land. So we run to the S.W. along the land & ice. Saw plenty of whales along the ice. Some of them a keeling. Lowered the boats and struck and killed the whale. In the ice. As the ice was closing the whale and boats up, the boats left the whale & 3 tubs of line and came to the ship. Came in thick fog. We run S.W. at 12 o'clock just the James Allen cutting a whale. At 4 P.M. saw the Massachusetts in the ice at 6 P.M. Massachusetts of Trisco got out of the ice & I spoke him and agreed to keep together. Blown on a gale and thick. At 10 P.M.

we got in to the Rock Is. Had a job to get the ship

out of the ice. Carried all possible sail to keep clear of the ice. Struck some ice heavy. Saw 3 ships with lug lights. We stand on 3/4 of an hour tack between the land and ice in from 4 to 9 fathoms of water. Closed reefed the topsails and set the stagsails and we held on in clear water. Thankful to carry the ship through the long & dark night in safety. I was on deck all night wet and cold. The ice is close on to the Sea Horse Islands to the South of us and we are in a strip of clear water to the N.E. of the Sea Horse Islands.

Lat about 41, 10

Tuesday Sept 22^d

Strong gales from N.E. and a thick sea. Carrying close reefed topsails by the wind between the ice and land. Several ships in sight. Spoke and gave with Bayne Massachusetts of Trisco. He anchored on the shoals last night and reported the mainmast, Active & Mayflower being on Blosson shoals. Strong current setting S.W. Saw a big show of small bowheads to day off Blosson shoals. We are off Blosson shoals, Sea Horse Islands.

Wednesday Sept 23^d

Light wind from N.E. and fine weather. Saw several ships steering off to the S.W. We went in to the land and saw plenty of small bowheads. Striking, lowered the boats and got 3 whales to the ship at night. The onward spoke us and Capt. Bulver, Capt. Maving. Some came onboard & (Thursday night left).

In the morning caught another whale. All hands on deck.

brought me 4 of the Mayflower. Then the Mayflower dragged a shoe in Point Franklin and bilged and the crew left her. The predecessor & Active got a shoe in the same place and got off again. We are off Sea Horse Islands.