

Thursday Sept 9th

Moderate wind from N.E. and good weather & cold & freezing. In the morning saw several whales, hauled and got one & cut him up. At noon saw a gam of whales & sent off 2 boats & the Elizabeth Swift hauled for our whales. The Struck & got a big whale & cut him in in the night. Saw the Roman & English & other ships cut whales. About a dozen ships in sight and all a whaling. Got a haul of a big Cape of h. whale cutting in the night. Saw a strip of ice with Walrus on the ice.

Lat by obs 50° 52'

Long by Ch 160 32 W.

Friday Sept 10th

Fresh breeze from N.E. and thick & cloudy part of the time. In the morning saw 1 ship chasing whales. Saw the Danish Finish cutting a whale in the night. At 10 P.M. we finished cutting our big whale and broke out for steering and in the morning hauled, showing down all & started the works. Saw 2 ships to the Eastward. We carried reefed topsails by the wind, cold and freezing.

Saturday Sept 11th

Fresh breeze from N.E. and good weather. In the morning set all sail and beat to the N.E. At noon saw several whales & saw the land to the East of us about 15 miles off white with snow. About 15 ships in sight & all a-bailing, 5 ships cutting whales. Saw the Onward, & Florida take a whale. We saw several whales going. Saw few cakes of ice. Saw the boats once spoke the Onward cutting second whale here & there & 4 whales. All hands showing down all in the afternoon. Mr. Potter off duty sick.

Lat about 50° 30'

Sunday Sept 12th

Strong wind from N.E. and rugged weather and cold and freezing. Snowy fog equally make it bad to see whales. Saw several ships whaling and saw 4 ships cutting. Saw several whales but no chance, 22 ships in sight & all a-bailing. Land about 10 or 15 miles off. Spoke the Onward & B.R. Roman. Roman reports the John Howland hauled under the land full of blubber and the other ships that was carried North of the Sea Horse Island in the ice. Saw few small cakes of ice. Land white with snow. Hauled up the Stevedore Hatch and showed the bone below. Plenty of whales here yesterday.

Monday Sept 13th

Strong wind from N.E. and rugged and cold weather. Saw plenty of whales and had 2 whales mist. Saw the Onward, Daniel Webster, Elizabeth & Clara cut whales. We chased all day. Saw 2 ships at anchor South of Sea Horse Island, ~~John Howland~~ and ~~Brora~~ & 2 other ships got 3 whales each in Nelson Bay off Point Barrow. About 20 ships in sight & all a-bailing. At 4 P.M. I went aboard the Hellen Mer, employed in hunting.

Lat by obs 50° 38' Land in sight

Tuesday Sept 14th

Began with fresh breeze from N.E. to E.N.E. and cloudy with foggy squalls. Standing upon opposite tacks, hunting to the N.E. Subsequent of the day moderate & foggy squalls. Stove in to the light water and saw whales going to the windward. Saw the Roman cut a whale, & saw the Northern light chasing whales and saw 2 other ships chasing whales. All hands showing all on the Starboard side of the Mizzen hole. Saw about a dozen ships.