

Nice whale & the officers was a long time

Killing the whale. Took him along side went to cutting about 18 ships in sight and cutting and most of them a bailing, the current has set us to the N.E. in a short time, we all around to the N.E.

Point Barrow Light to the East

Saturday Sept 3rd

Begins with fresh wind from N.W. and raining, finished cutting our whale and set our topdails and worked to the N.E. along the ice at Point Barrow. Saw the fleet of ships to the N.E. of Point Barrow chasing whales and part of them a bailing, saw 3 ships cutting about 30 ships in sight, we saw 3 or 4 whales along the ice at Point Barrow, saw the wreck Hibernia & the Madeline Chubbuck taking her oil, the natives came on board of us with few pounds of bone & brought about 25 lbs of bone, these small whales are working out of the ice.

Point Barrow 10 miles East & E of

Sunday Sept 4th

Light variable wind from East and back foggy all the first of the day, then a few whales in the morning, did not see them again, employed in bailing and cutting up shocks, latter part of the day fog lifted and we found our selves North of Point Barrow and saw 8 or 9 ships cutting all about 20 ships and most all a bailing and bailing down chasing whales along the pack ice, but all sail, ships cutting with all sail out, N.W. strong current setting N.W. It looks like the birds are hoping we shall get some whales here warm & raining, have some new rigging.

Monday Sept 5th

Light E. wind and fine warm weather, in the morning saw 2 whales in the ice and sent the boats in the ice and got a 20 bl whale and cut him in with 3 boats of saw plenty of whales in the ice, in the Tack, saw 5 ships off the ice a cutting & saw last night over 30 ships a bailing. Went to the N.E. of Point Barrow in 1/2 of the day & back to the East of us, I went on board the Oriskany last night and she was cutting her 4 whale there. They been big whaling here the last 3 days in small whales along the pack ice. At 10 boats came to the ship and we broke out to show down & check off the main hatch.

Lat 71 42 N. Long

Tuesday Sept 6th

Light N.E. wind and fine weather, strong current setting up North. We are along the pack ice to the N.E. of Point Barrow, about 35 ships in sight, and all whaling & bailing and saw a dozen a cutting, most of them small whales, spoke Capt Smith in the Florida barque & 4 whales, all the ships run off to the N.W. to get clear of the ice that was setting on us. Stowed down and checked off the main hatch with oil, saw several whales and chased.

Wednesday Sept 7th Turn to S.W. by the East. Fresh breeze from N.E. most of the day, in the morning set all sail and steamed to the South along the ice about 30 miles and came to the ice where the Josephine was & blubber lugged and spoke the Florida with 8 whales & 2 to 3. Sent our boats to the Tack and struck a whale & drew. Saw plenty of whales in the Tack.