

On board Schooner Admiral Blake

Journal of September of 1869

Monday 20th

This day weather fine Employed in scrubbing & clearing the decks of some of the guns & going off & on shore for the old man he being quite sick Mr Phillips came off this morning & it was not long before he was some disorderly Capt sent him on shore for he could not bear his noise At sundown went for him but he refused to come whilst writing a card from shore came along side & the old man happened to be up & saw them he gave a scold & told them to clear out so I think him some better

Tuesday 21st

Through the night some rain This morning good weather Mrs Hammond comfortable Capt about the same I think him some out of his head at times Mr Phillips still on shore Employed in washing ship About noon it commenced to rain & continued to rain until about three P.M. At seven P.M. Mr Phillips came off & stayed one half of an hour Capt tried to reason with him but to no purpose he was some intoxicated & went on shore to be back at eight tomorrow-morning

Wednesday 22nd

This morning weather good At ten A.M. the Capt called me: I'm feeling worse At four A.M. went in one boat for the doctor At 10 A.M. got back with the Doctor & a Mr Franco At two P.M. got back with the American Consul he came on board for an hour & went back Mr Phillips on shore as yet at eight this morning was his liberty out

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Thursday 23rd

Today weather fine & very warm I went with two boats & cruising just one of the boat stingers in the stern of the starboard boat having no officer to go there Mr Phillips on shore on a drunk Up to the deck cap we saw a cow & calf sailed with a poor chance & did not get fast came on board at sundown Capt better & so is his wife

Friday 24th

To day weather not very good having some rain went with two boats up Sta the dutch cap saw several whale but they were very wild could not get on to their chase until dark Boats crew on board Employed in stowing down two casks of oil in the garboard At 6 P.M. a conveyer from town came along side with Mr Phillips he was considerably intoxicated & went to his room & I gave him a grant to a great rate

Saturday 25th

To day went her fine other way than a rain squall! This morning two boats went off on a cruise At 10 A.M. the Capt sent a boat to town for the Consul came back at 4 P.M. without him Mr Phillips complains of being sick & wants his discharge Capt looks better & so are his family I saw one whale just at night Mr Phillips has got his discharge & is all right he pays it himself