

Journal of September 1869

Sunday 26th

Today weather some squally
Had two boats off on a cruise. Sent
a whale back off shore. For day
the boat to trade with the Consul
& Mr Philippi carrying bag & baggage

Monday 27th

Today weather fine Employed in stowing
& coopers oil stowed & each Capt-
quite smart has gone to town come on
board at 3 PM

Tuesday Sept 28th

This morning at day light
called all hands found there was one man
missing supposed to have swam ashore
Employed through the day in coopers
& stowing oil. This afternoon saw a calf
& calf started at the calf but did not
strike came on board at 3 PM Capt went
to a French gun boat for some medicine
at sundown a man from shore which
wanted to ship came on board & said he
saw George Balchin with his clothes wet
this morning

Wednesday 29th

Today
weather fine went on a cruise with two
boats. Saw a whale while coming on
board at sundown chased while dark
came to the ship at eight PM
Boats crew employed in cleaning bone
Capt & formally quite smart
George Balchin still away

On board. Schrs. Admiral. Blake.

Sept Thursday 30th

This day weather rain
y. & light wind from S. E. Had two boats
off on a cruise saw a whale coming quick
from the windward gave chase but to no
good Capt went to town on business
Two men employed in cleaning bone
Capt reported the summary. George Balchin
September is gone

October 1st the first

This day rainy employed in stowing the
hold & cleaning hold got it all off this
afternoon At ten PM the Capt & another
boat went up to the Dutch cap saw two
whale just at dark I lowered & pulled
up there at sundown looking for them
but did not see them. George came on
board at nine o'clock PM

Saturday October 2nd

This day weather
rainy Two boats off cruising saw a
whale way out to sea & before we
could get out there it shut in so
thick we could not get the run of him
came on board at seven PM had the
wind from all quarters Capt had been
to town sold some beef

Sunday October 3rd

Today
light air from S. W. At eleven AM
got under way & beat up to a bay close
under the Parado peak & let go anchor in 10
fathom water saw a whale off shore just
at dark. Dont hear from the deserter
Gave her 30 fathom chain & set the watch