

Journal of a Whaling Voyage in the Brig Hopeston

Thursday September 17th Lat 31-00 N Long 46-31 W
first part of this day light breezes from the N.E. and
S.E. steering N by W. till 10 AM took in
the Main Sail and foremast stay sail.
very light air, saw Puffins, working on the beam rigging.
at 8 AM set the Main sail and foremast stay sail.
it was very light, employed in working on the rigging.

Friday September 18th Lat 30-41 N Long 47-13 W
first of these twentyfour hours very light air from
the Eastward steering N at 4 PM took in the
Main sail, saw Puffins, a great number of small
fish round the vessel employed working in the rigging
at 7 AM set the Main sail and foremast stay sail
saw a Merchant vessel.

Saturday September 19th Lat 30-13 N Long 48-02 W
first half of this day moderate and pleasant from
the N.E. steering N by W employed in ship's duty
at 2 PM took in the Main sail, a fine breeze from
N.E. caught several dolphins, the water looking good,
at 4 PM spoke the Schooner Thruer of Beverly
Holecomb Master 28 days from home 18 AM Spinn
luffed to the wind and shortened sail heading
to the Northward at 7 AM Wareship heading to
the S.E. made sail some Bane at 9 AM sailed
the Schooner and one Merchant vessel so ended this day

Sunday September 20th Lat 30-00 N Long 48-56 W
first part of this day very moderate the Thruer
and the Merchant vessel in sight took in the Main sail
at 12 PM took in the Main sail the water looking good
saw all dolphins round, at 11 AM summed with
the Thruer and got Papers, the wind very light.

Monday September 21st Lat 29-44 N Long 49-36 W
the first part of this day calm at 1 PM the
capt came onboard from the Thruer he saw his
Whaler in the Lat 29-30 Long 49-30 W saw another sail
Merchant vessel, at 6 put one reef in the topsail no wind
at 9 AM some Bane wind very light and baffling
saw (Grampas)

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Tuesday September 22nd Lat 29-26 N Long 49-39 W
the first part of this day very light baffling wind
at 4 PM set the Main sail and foremast stay sail and foremast stay sail
at 6 took in the Main sail gill and foremast stay sail
light breeze from N.W. heading to the Northward
at 7 AM set the Top sail and foremast stay sail
very light air steering to the Westward.

Wednesday September 23rd Lat 29-03 N Long 48-54 W
first part of this day very light air from N.E.
steering to Westward, saw one Shark and 1000
the water looking very thick, at 6 started W by N
wind hauled to S.E. light breeze and pleasant
tarred down the Main and Fore Rigging

Thursday September 24th Lat 29-01 N Long 49-55 W
first part of this day pleasant breeze from the
S.E. steering N by W finished tarring down the
Rigging, at 3 PM set the Main sail and gill
at 6 took in the Main sail gill and foremast stay sail
at 7 AM set the gill and Main sail and heading
from S.E. to S.W. steering N by W

Friday Sept 25th Lat 29-20 N Long 50-22 W
first of these twentyfour hours fine breeze varying
from S.E. to S.W. at 2 PM raised a Merchant
Brigg steering to the Eastward at 6 took in the
gill and Main sail set the Topsail luffed to the wind
altered one degree the chronometer being to the Eastward
at 8 AM fore ship heading to the Eastward at 6
fore ship heading to the Westward made sail wind S.W.
saw Grampas saw a Bear Harbor Wheel reef

Saturday Sept 26th Lat 29-25 N Long 50-43 W
first of these 24 hours fine breeze and pleasant from
the S.W. standing on the wind heading to the Westward
at 6 PM shortened sail, at 8 fore ship heading
to the S.E. at 6 AM fore ship heading to the N.W.
made sail very light air saw Puffins and Grampas
filled one cask with salt water.