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July 16<sup>th</sup> 1891

Light S.E. air with thick fog, and some rain, ship working to the S.S.E. as much as possible, caught a few Codfish, very scarce.

(Finbacks)

July 17<sup>th</sup>

Light variables, & thick fog, ship working to the S.S.E. saw a Humpback and a number of Finbacks.

July 18<sup>th</sup>

Strong breezes from the S.W. steering by the wind to the S. thick fog, saw Bque. "Horatio", & the Leonard.

July 19<sup>th</sup>

Light air from the S.W. cruising, on different tacks, saw a whale a long ways off going quick, thought it was a right whale, came on thick, and lost run of him, saw two str., one of them the "Beluga" of "S. H." did not speak them.

(Whale San. Strangers)

July 20<sup>th</sup>

Began with moderate breeze from the E. at 3.30 A.M. saw a Right whale, lowered and got him to the L. Boat, took him alongside and cut the head off and let body go, wind increasing and at dark blowing a moderate gale from S.E. while cutting, the Bk "Reindeer" spoke us.

(L. B. Right Whale 1200 lbs)

July 21<sup>st</sup>

Moderate from the South with plenty of fog, cruising, saw three whales, and plenty of Finbacks.

Cruising in "Behring Sea" 1891

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Light southerly wind with thick fog, most of the time, cruising, spoke Bk "Reindeer", "Baker", "Master", one "Borhead" saw a number of Finbacks.

(Reindeer)

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Moderate breeze from the South, with some fog, cruising on different tacks, spoke Str. "Belvidere", "Whiteside", "Master" five "Borheads" & four "Right Whales" also three sailing ships in sight, the "Jane Grey" boiling.

(Belvidere)

July 24<sup>th</sup>

Moderate from S. & S.E. cruising, saw a number of "Finbacks" saw Str. "Jessie Freeman" chasing, no success, four "Whalers" in sight.

(Right Whales)

July 25<sup>th</sup>

Moderate breeze from the Eastward cruising, saw Bk "John P. West" boiling at 5 P.M. saw a "Right Whale" lowered the boats, but came in foggy and we did not see him again.

(Lumberland)

July 26<sup>th</sup>

Moderate from the North, cruising spoke Bk "Lumberland" "Toby" "Master" four "Right Whales" latter part foggy.

July 27<sup>th</sup>

Calms & thick fog all these 24 hours, caught a few Codfish.