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Sept 24th 1891.

cast below } Moderate breezes from the North.
16 bags } Ship cruising toward the N.E.
Josephine } Thirteen vessels in sight.
Saw "Bk" James Allen chasing
Spoke "Bk" Josephine nothing
since we saw her last. reports
saw the "Helen Mar" take a whale
on the briny first. had struck
a cake of ice. started "Cutwater"
and injured the man's hand
who was at the wheel.

Sept 25th

Old Melanes } Began & ends with moderate
forward } breezes from the N.E. Ship heading
Tamborane } to the Eastward all day through
scattering ice. Twenty vessels in
sight cruising different courses.
Saw the "Helen Mar" Boiling. &
"Bonanza". Chasing at dark spoke
"Bk" Tamborane nothing since we
spoke her last. broke out the
hole and filled some top tier
casks with salt water.

Sept 26th

Bonhead } Calm & light air from the E.
steering to the Westward all day
through scattering ice. in company
with seven vessels. saw a "Bonhead"
lowered but did not see him
again. saw the "A. Barker"
chasing, {no success} set up
some small casks and filled
them with salt water.

in Arctic Ocean. Season of 1891
Sept 27th 1891

Began with moderate breezes from the
South. and increasing to fresh breezes
the middle and last part.
Steering full and by on the Port
tack. Twenty vessels in sight
this morning. The "Northern Light"
Boiling

Sept 28th

Bonhead } Began with fresh breezes from
the S. steering full and by to the
S.W. middle & last part calm
and very light air from the
same. Saw "Herald Island" at
10 A.M. bearing West. and kept
off for it. at 12 O'clock noon
saw a "Bonhead" lowered at
1 P.M. and chased all the
afternoon without success. no
wind and whale going. Three
vessels in sight. The "Triton"
chasing. {no catch} at dark
we are about 20 miles to the S.E.
of the Island.

Sept 29th

Bonhead } Began with calm & thick fog.
middle part wind breezing and
fog lifting soon after saw two
"Bonheads" lowered and got one
to the L.B. Boat. took him to the
ship and cut off his head and
let the body go. finished at dark
three ships in sight.
Herald Island to the N.N.W.
about fifteen miles.