

# Journal on board

S.P.C. 11 September 1871

Friday Sep 8<sup>th</sup>

A gale of wind or perhaps a little better nothing in sight no sail set more than close reefed fore and main topsails

Saturday Aug 9<sup>th</sup>

Good weather nothing in sight. sunshine and pleasant winds double reefed topsails set

Sunday Sep. 10<sup>th</sup>

Nearly calm. did not make much sail. Mainsail main topmast staysail and other light sail. nothing in sight

Monday Sep. 11<sup>th</sup>

Ever pleasant when the wind don't blow too hard. one sail in sight a merchant bark. nothing more to be seen however far you might look. double reefed topsails set

Tuesday Sep 12

Squally several merchant ships in sight but more whales and less whales

Wednesday Sep 13

Rainy. the greater part of the day. some sail in sight a merchantman. humpbacks finbacks porpoises &c etc

Thursday Sep 14<sup>th</sup>

Upon the whole this must be put down for a pleasant day. two or three sails in sight also humpbacks, finbacks, and other small fish. although if they were sperm whales as large we would be after them

Friday Sep 15<sup>th</sup>

A day for mending sail. the main top-sail was the one. calm and warm just such weather as precedes a storm in the Southeastern part of Massachusetts. nothing in sight

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Saturday Sep 16

This is the day which we generally get out our stores. and nothing more done nothing in sight. was under short sail

Sunday Sep 17<sup>th</sup>

Good weather. nothing in sight. under double reefed topsails.

Monday Sep. 18<sup>th</sup>

A light wind. and a pleasant day. everything went on quietly and smoothly nothing more than two sails in sight. one of them a whaler. now for a gammer

Tuesday Sep. 19

Calm. not a "breath of wind" two sails in sight. both supposed to be whalers one of them boiling. but we probably know as much about it as we will we lowered for humpbacks which were playing around the ship

Wednesday Sep 20

Fine weather: and nearly calm. the Martha and Morning Star in sight. gammed the Star she had taken 600 bbls since we gammed

Thursday Sep. 21<sup>st</sup>

A light breeze in the morning. the sea seemed full of finbacks, and humpbacks. shot a ball in one from the ship. I think it would try a boat some if one had been fast to him the whalers have all disappeared

Friday Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dark damp disagreeable weather. gammed the Martha. she had taken 80 bbls. since we gammed her the last time. down to New head. nothing in sight