

Journal on board

Sept 11 September 1873

Thursday Sep 12

A strong breeze from the South was on the starboard tack until the Mars came down to us and then wore ship and had a gammer one of her men had fallen from the masthead and nearly killed & John Dine & Melfort

Friday Sep 13

A strong breeze from the South and almost as cold as Greenland. I should think nothing to do but keep warm and that was almost work enough Mars in sight.

Saturday Sep 14

Under close reefed topsail a cold south wind. Lat $36^{\circ} 33'$ min Lon. $74^{\circ} 44'$ min

Sunday Sep 15

Fine weather with wind from the South. saw sperm whales early in the morning. and after breakfast four boats lowered and soon after four the mate struck a small whale. then the school started to leeward and led us a long chase. at last we - the second mate went alongside of one struck him but by some unaccountable means both the irons slew. the mate had then set a loose whale sporting thick blood which the fourth mate took. we then went on board but were soon sent to chase or rather pick up a hase whale. we got them alongside at 12. got dinner and commenced cutting finished cutting at about 1 1/2 O'clock

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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Monday Sep 16

A fine morning and was good weather until noon when it began to rain so we 'cooled down' but started the works again before night and cooled down again before midnight

Tuesday Sep 17

A strong breeze this morning but we commenced boiling. cooled down at noon at have not fired up yet

Wednesday Sep 18

Good weather. started the works this morning and boiled steadily all day. a nice breeze from the south and a smooth sea. two sails in sight

Thursday Sep 19

A strong breeze with wind from the south. finished boiling this morning at about seven O'clock and commenced stowing down put down about 30 bbls.

Friday Sep 20

Good weather with wind from the South. finished stowing today. this last fore stowed us 75 bbls. making us 1290. all told. 500 more is the quota.

Saturday Sep 21

A strong breeze from the south. mastheads only in the morning. got out a little blackfish oil to burn and that with wearing ship completed the week's work. a little work make the time pass quickly. the season is almost up. and a quick one it has been to me. as well as pleasant