

Journal on board

S.P.O. 1 September 1872

Sunday Sep 22^d

A gale of wind from the South was under close reefed main topsail and no mastheads this day

Monday Sep 23^d

A strong sou' wind. was on the port tack. under close reefed main topsail and foresail. no mastheads this is just the resting spell we want I don't say need

Tuesday Sep 24

Good weather again set whole top sails and top gallantsail. was on the starboard tack heading E. set up headstays and backstays

Wednesday Sep 25

A light breeze from the North was steering E. S. E. rainy and cold

Thursday Sep 26

Good weather with a light breeze from the south. at about eight O'clock sperm whales were raised off the weather bow coming to leeward all hands were called. and three boats lowered. the third soon struck a small cow. which started the school to windward. the other two boats could not get near enough to strike and after running about four miles she turned up 'fir out' then we had a fine time towing to leeward. got him alongside at about noon got dinner and commenced cutting. finished cutting at about six O'clock which finished the day's work

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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September 27

Good weather with a light breeze from the S. was on the starboard tack heading E. S. E. Started the works in the morning and boiled all day. set up a galv cask in the meantime. we must be very near in shore I think by the look of the water

Saturday Sep 28th

Good weather with a light breeze from the South was steering E. S. E. under main top gallantsail. finished boiling at seven A.M. and stowed away part of the oil the remainder is too hot

Sunday Sep 29th

Calm in the morning but at ten O'clock we had a light breeze from the S.W. a nice warm day clear and pleasant. just the thing for sailors

Monday Sep 30th

Finished stowing down the oil today this last whale stowed down 33 bbls. making us a total of 1320 bbls captured within 28 mos.

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Tuesday Oct 1st

Clear and cold. with a light south wind. fine weather to wash the old oily rags we use. and that is just about all we did. so this is the month I am 19 years old. "Come Belharrell. time is slipping"

Wednesday Oct 2^d

Nice weather

