

Sept. 4th 1855

One of our foremast hands quite unwell today. No other change. Islands visible.

Sept. 5.

A perfect dead calm and cloudless sky. The boys have been in to swim and as usual on such occasions made a merry time of it. Pico bears S. 60 miles.

Sept. 6.

Light breezes from N. W. Saw 2 sails. Picked up this afternoon a small part of a wreck from which we got quite a number of bolts and spikes. It was part of the bow of what might perhaps have belonged to a vessel of about 150 tons. Before we hoisted it on deck caught some small fish around it out of the boat. This will be quite an addition to our wood pile. I should like to know its history or rather that part connected with the loss. Like hundreds of others perhaps none of her crew survive to tell the dreadful tale.

Sagel bears S. E. 20 miles

Sept. 7.

Fair. Attempted to beat up to the island with a head wind but could not fetch. Bears tonight. A. Caught a fish of small dimensions and had a Capital Chowder at noon.

Sept. 8.

Took a fair wind this morning and gained the halage in forenoon. I went on shore for a short time with the Capt. The got a good supply of apples, peaches and figs. Found several whalers lying off and on and at anchor among the former the ship Phoenix also the bark Walga which sails for the same agent as the Iowa. Don't know whether she has got any oil or not. The stood away at sunset but the wind having died away are now becalmed just inside the two islands.

Sept 9 Sunday

A very light wind springing up last night has continued during the day. Are about 20 miles from the islands and intend for a good breeze to take us somewhere. Several sails seen among the rest a large French ship.

Sept 10

Wind and weather unchangeable. Saw a large number of sails chiefly whalers. Several of them bound to the islands. Capt went on board of one of them and got some spars. Did not learn her name. Sails from New Bedford about one month ago. Picked up a large topmast which cut into fire wood. Caught a dolphin. Island about 40 miles to the eastward.