

Barth Shabell Cruising On

Sunday July 2^d Day

First part light breeze from S.W. with a thick fog. Ship under all sail heading to the S.E. Saw nothing. Middle part took a fresh breeze from South ship heading to the S.W. Latter part the same. Ship heading to the Eastward one sail in sight. Saw Cape Elizabeth to the S.E. Saw no Whales

Lat 54. 56. Long 141. 48

Monday July 3^d

First part light breeze from the Southward and fine weather. Ship under all sail heading to the Westward. At 1 P.M. saw a dead whale to windward lowered down one boat and pulled up to him. found him to be what some people call a California grey. others find fish and some Muske Diggers. took him to the ship hauled on and cut him in. finished cutting at 5 P.M. Rose ship and made sail. Course W. spoke the General Scott of Fair Haven 6 whales this season. Commenced to hail. Latter part buffing winds and calm. finished sailing at 7 A.M.

Lat 54. 39. Long 139. 50

Tuesday July 4th Day

First part light buffing winds and calm. Ship heading to the Westward many ships in sight one only sailing. passed to the Northward of two small Islands. name if any unknown to me. Middle and last part light breeze from the Northward and thick fog. Ship under easy sail lying aback heaving on different tacks

W. H.

Wednesday July 5th Day

First part calm and a thick fog. At 2 P.M. the fog lighted up a short time. Saw four ships. the fog soon set in again. Middle part the same. Latter part clear and fine weather. Wind to the Westward. One of the Shantar Islands in sight to the S.W. Ends with a thick fog. Spoke the Omega of Nantucket nothing this season

W. H.

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Thursday July 6th

First part light breeze from the Northward. Ship heading to the Westward Great Shantar Island and to other small Islands in sight to the Westward. Middle and last part light air and calm weather. Ship heading to the N.W. under all sail. Shantar Island and the main land all in sight

Lat 53. 31. Long 138. 29

Friday July 7th

First part light air from S.W. Ship heading S.W. in toward the Shantar Islands. Middle and last part light air and calm. Ship heading to the S.W. At 9 A.M. saw one whale going fast in toward the land and ice lowered and chased him as far as the ice. Saw several others among the ice but could not strike them

Lat 53. 29

Saturday July 8th

First part calm. the boats all off in among the ice chasing, wild Whales. Several other ships boats also chasing but not any of them could catch them they being very wild. At 5 P.M. the boats returned took a light breeze from the S.E. and kept off to the S.W. up the passage between Great Shantar and harbour Island. Middle part lying aback in the passage waiting for day light to run through. At day light kept off S.W. At 7 A.M. came in a thick fog. Saw aback and layed on different tacks between the Islands. Ends with rain. Saw several whales lowered once to no effect

Sunday July 9th

First part wind N.E. thick and rainy. At 1 P.M. saw a large piece of ice close aboard. were ship to the S.W. to clear it. At 12 P.M. found by the soundings that we had shoaled the water from 25 to 20 fathoms of water heading off shore from Great Shantar Island. and not knowing where the current has taken our track in sail and let go an anchor. Middle and last part thick fog. At 11 A.M. the fog lighted up for a short time found that we were close in on the north end of Great Shantar. S.W. from the N.E. end distant $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile. Sent two boats in shore. Saw no whales