

Bark, Isabella, Cruising In The Polar Sea

Monday Aug 31st Day

First part calm and thick fog. The boats off chasing with whales to no effect. Middle and last part fresh breeze from the eastward and thick fog. At 10 A.M. all the boats on board got underway and bent up to the windward. Saw no whales. A great many ships and boats in sight.

Tuesday August 1st Day

First part the wind to eastward and fine weather. At 8 P.M. came to anchor off an island called Partridge Island by Whalerman and got a raft of casks ready to go on there for water. Saw no whales. At midnight the tide being right sent the raft in. Middle and last part a thick fog. Followed the raft and started for the ship. Being thick, anchored it. No ends.

Wednesday Aug 2nd Day

First part fine weather got the raft of water to the ship and stowed it down. Got underway to go out of Charter bay. At 2 anchored again being calm. Middle and last part fine weather and calm. Saw two whales. Landed to no effect. Ends with thick fog.

Thursday Aug. 3rd Day

First part light breeze from the southward and fine weather. At 4 P.M. got underway and made all sail to the S.W. At 7 P.M. came in thick fog and anchored again. Middle and last part light air calm and thick fog. Took the anchor at day light and shifted to the S.W. with the tide. At 10 A.M. anchored again the tide having turned.

Friday Aug 4th Day

First part calm. At 4 P.M. took the anchor and made sail. Light air from the southward and fine weather, and steamed to the S.W. Middle part at 10 P.M. anchored again the tide having turned against us and being strong. Latter part at day light got underway again and anchored again at 12 M. We are now bound out of Charter bay thus being no prospect of getting oil here. Whales scarce and small.

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Saturday Aug 5th

First part light baffling winds and calm weather got underway and worked up the passage between harbor and great Charter Islands. At 7 P.M. anchored the tide being ahead. Middle and last part light breeze from S.E. and fine weather. At 3 A.M. took the anchor and made sail. Stood to the southward toward the main land having got out into the sea.

Sunday Aug 6th

First part baffling winds and fine weather. Saw a number of whales in chase but could not strike them. At 7 P.M. anchored in 50 fathoms of water. Middle and last part light breeze from S.W. and fine weather. At 2 A.M. got underway and stood along shore with two boats looking along close in. Saw nothing. At 8 A.M. the boats came on board. Made all sail and kept off S. by S. with the intention of going right whaling.

Monday Aug. 7th Day

First part light breeze from N.E. and fine weather. Course S. by W. Ship under all sail. Middle and last part wind and weather the same. Course S.E. Employed drugging bone. Saw nothing.

Lat 58.34, Long 139.54

Tuesday Aug 8th Day

First part light air from S.S.W. and fine weather. Ship under all sail heading S.E. Middle and last part wind and weather the same and with a calm.

Lat 58.04, Long 141.13

Wednesday Aug 9th

First part calm. Employed mending the main top sail. Middle and last part calm.

Lat 54.54, Long 141.29

Thursday Aug. 10th

First part light breeze from S.W. with some fog. Ship under all sail. Course S.E. Saw plenty of grey back whales and two narwhals. Middle part fresh breeze from the eastward and thick fog. Shipping back. Sounded and found 35 fathoms of water. Latter part strong breeze and thick fog. Depth of water 32 fathoms. Saw grey backs but no bow heads. Ends clear.

Lat 54.24, Long 141.16