

Bark Osabell Cruising In Foul Bay

Friday Sept 1st Day

First part strong breezes from S.W. with a heavy swell. Ship under single reefed top sails. Saw two or three whales. lowered to no effect. Commenced boiling at 7 P.M. Several ships in sight one of them boiling. Middle part the wind changed to S.W. and fresh. Latter part light airs from the westward and fine weather. Saw a few whales. lowered and went on to one. darted two together against the whale but neither of them went in by some means or other. Ends calm

Saturday Sept 2nd Day

First part calm and baffling winds. a few whales in sight but being calm and the whales extremely wild could not strike. Several ships in sight all whaling but none caught any. Employed boiling. Middle part fresh breezes from the eastward. Latter part light breezes. Saw a few whales. chased to no effect.

Sunday Sept 3rd Day

First part baffling winds calm and fine weather. Saw and chased a few wild whales. Spoke the Glouster with 3 whales. the Speedwell 8 whales finished boiling. Middle and last part light breezes from S.E. and fine weather. Saw two whales. got on to one. darted one iron against his hip did not go in. a good many ships in sight

Monday Sept 4th Day

First part strong S.E. winds. Ship under whole top sails. Saw no whales nor none of the ships whaling. Middle and last part fresh breezes from S.E. no whales in sight but many ships. Sent two boats in shore to low head Island fishing

Tuesday Sept 5th Day

First part fresh breezes from S.E. Saw one whale going quick. lowered to no effect. Spoke the Benjamin Tucker 8 whales. At 1 P.M. the boats returned having caught a few fish. Middle and last part fresh breezes. Saw no whales

Wednesday Sept 6th

First part fresh breezes from S.E. Saw no whales. Middle and last part strong breezes from S.E. with rain and a heavy swell from S.W. At 9 A.M. kept off to the northward towards Fabians harbour so called. At 12 anchored in 10 fathoms of water

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Thursday Sept 7th

First part fresh breezes from the eastward with rain and a heavy swell from S.W. Middle and last part much the same. At day light commenced breaking out to clear air

Friday Sept 8th

First part fresh breezes from the eastward and a heavy swell from S.W. Employed staying down bed. Middle part light airs from the eastward with rain. Latter part calm and fine weather. At day light three boats went off. two to look for whales the other to the bottomment. Saw two whales but could not get near them

Saturday Sept 9th

First part calm and fine weather two boats off looking for whales one fishing the other down to the bottomment. At sun down all the boats returned to the ship. Middle and last part baffling winds and fine weather. two boats off after whales or rather looking for them. Saw none.

Sunday Sept 10th

First part fine weather. three boats off. Saw no whales. Middle part calm. Latter part light airs from S.E. at 6 A.M. got underway and stood out to the S.W. Saw no whales

Monday Sept 11th

First part light airs from the southward and fine weather. Ship under all sail heading to the S.W. Middle and last part strong breezes. double reefed the top sails. Ships by the wind on different tracks working up to the eastward. Several ships in sight one only boiling

Tuesday Sept 12th

First part strong breezes from the eastward. Ship under single reefed top sails. Saw a number of whales. all going quick. Some in one direction some in another. lowered once to no effect. All the ships chasing whales. Saw none caught any. At dark strong gales. close reefed the top sails. Middle and last part light winds and fine weather. Made all sail. Saw a number of whales but wild as usual