

Bark. Chaballa Cruising In Caovish Bay Sept 1854

Wednesday Sept 13th Day

First part baffling winds and fine weather. Saw whales but very wild ones as usual. lowered and chased untill dark without success. At 7 P.M. blowing strong from the northward close reefed the top sails. Middle and last part strong gales and rugged. Ship under short sail. Sent down the fore sail and mended it

Thursday Sept 14th

First part light breezes from the northward and fine weather at 3 P.M. made all sail. a quite a number of whales in the bay. lowered and chased them untill dark. Could not get near one of them. Middle and last part strong gales from the eastward and rugged. ran in to Baboon's harbour the weather looking bad and the barometer down for a heavy blow. Anchored at 11 A.M. Saw one whale. lowered to no effect

Friday Sept 15th

First part strong gales from the eastward with rain. got off a raft of water. At dark blowing heavy in squalls let go the star anchor. Middle and last part strong gales from S.E. with much rain. Stowed down some water.

Saturday Sept 16th

First part strong gales from the eastward with rain. Ship lying with both anchors down blowing heavy in squalls. Middle and last part much the same

Sunday Sept 17th Day

First part strong gales from the eastward. Ship lying with both anchors down Middle and last part more moderate. At 6 A.M. sent two boats in after wood ends with fine weather. all hands employed getting off wood and stowing it away

Monday Sept 18th

First part light breezes from the eastward and fine weather. employed getting off wood and stowing it away. hove up one of the anchors. Middle and last part baffling winds calm and rainy weather. sent two boats off to look for whales. Saw several. but could not strike them

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Tuesday Sept 19th Day

First part calm. with occasionally some rain. Saw several whales. all the boats off chasing. but could not strike them. Middle and last part light variable winds and calm with rain. Saw several whales. lowered to no effect At day light took the anchor and got underway with a light breeze from the eastward.

Wednesday Sept 20th Day

First part calm. Saw a few whales. Chased untill dark without success Middle and last part light air from the eastward and fine weather. Saw one whale going fast. lowered to no effect

Thursday Sept 21st

First part calm. Saw a few whales but impossible for us to strike them being so wild. Middle and last part the same. the boats all off chasing whales

Friday Sept 22nd

First part light breezes from S.W. and fine weather. Saw a few wild whales all the boats down chasing to no effect. Middle part calm. latter part light air from the westward and fine weather. Saw but one whale. lowered to no effect

Saturday Sept 23rd Day

First part light breezes from W.S.W. and fine weather. Saw no whales. Middle and last part baffling winds and calm. Saw one whale. lowered but did not see the whale afterwards

Sunday Sept 24th

First part baffling winds and calm weather. Saw no whales. Middle much the same. latter part calm. ends with thick fog. Saw no whales. employed getting off wood from bow head Island.

Monday Sept 25th

First part light breezes from S.E. with thick fog ship lying aback. Middle and last part calm and clear. Several ships in sight two of them sailing. Saw no whales