

In Thaxter Bite

1865

Monday Sept 18th 1865

Begins with pleasant weather from ship at anchor employed mending and watering middle and last parts the same employed mending and waterings

Tuesday Sept 19th

Begins with pleasant weather from the west employed mending ship at anchor middle and last part stormy employed taking off masts at 10 finished the weather looking very bad the Gentle Admance Ender in company ship at anchor so ends this day

Wednesday Sept 20th

Begins with thick misty weather various parts middle and last parts much the same stormy weather ship at anchor so ends this day

Thursday Sept 21st

Begins much the same at 9 AM took anchor stood out set under sail middle and last parts moderate and pleasant from 9 AM ship cruising about saw nothing so ends this day

Friday Sept 22nd

Begins with a calm and pleasant weather saw nothing middle part light at 2 AM anchored in 14 fathoms of water at 6 took anchor again wind fresh ship to the NW at 10 the wind fresh and the weather looking very mild ship with all sail set saw no whale so ends this day all well

In Helistap Harbour

Saturday Sept 23rd

Begins with a strong breeze from N with thick stormy weather ship working to get in to Helick Stop harbour at 4 AM anchored had some snow squalls at 5 AM a strong breeze from NW took anchor stood out 11 AM with top sails fore and main sails & jib very ruggid at 4 PM steered back again at 10 came to anchor in 4 fathoms of water gave the ship 40 fathoms of chain so ends this day ship at anchor

Sunday Sept 24th

Begins with the same weather shifted the fore sail middle part strong gale from NW to W with cloudy weather last part the same ship at anchor so ends this day

Monday Sept 25th

Begins with the same weather from NW ship at anchor middle part fresh and pleasant last part blowing strong from N by E out side at 7 AM took anchor stood out found it to ruggid worked back at 11 AM dropped anchor again in 5 fathoms of water

Tuesday Sept 26th

Begins with more moderate weather employed cutting and hoisting off masts last part took anchor stood out for 9 AM saw one whale heard got nothing at 10 saw a breach so ends this day pleasant

Wednesday Sept 27th

Saw whales heard took one middle part got the whale ship at anchor in 20 fathoms of water last part took the anchor again working to the south employed hoisting and clearing up