

September 17th Last night a sharp lookout kept for ice in our lee. we are not far from the ice 3 ships to the leeward of us the Hudson, Mary and Helen. Mass. seen obscure no recognizing.

18th Hazy weather a strong breeze from the S. E. steering on the wind heading S. S. W. started the tugboats but could not tug out but 6 hours had to coal down it being so rough close reefed the main top sail at 2 P.M. and have her to stowed. bore in the fore hold. 3 ships in sight the Hudson, Mary and Helen Mass. seen obscure no recognizing.

19th Sunday Raining all day blowing a gale of wind from the S. E. laying to under close reefed main top sail ice and land on our lee not far off the sting to the main yard parted. the Hudson, Mary and Helen Mass. are laying to under close reefed main top sails to the leeward of us. seen obscure no recognizing.

20th Hazy and snowing most of the day strong breeze from the S. part of the day dead calm drifting to the northward with the current which is about 3 knots land on our lee 4 miles off supposed it to be Point Barrow repaired the sting to the main yard started the fire under the tug boats at noon and coaled at 9 P.M. three ships in sight all to the windward of us one of them is trying out the Captains and 1st mate will stand watch for a while seen obscure no recognizing.

21st Hazy weather blowing a gale of wind from the S. steering on the wind under close reefed top sails and reefed courses until 12 o'clock A.M. had to heave her to still drifting to the northward with the current at the rate of 3 knots per hour. seen land supposed it to be Point Barrow seen obscure.

September 22nd Blowing a gale of wind from the S. steering on the wind under close reefed top sails and reefed courses saw land again this morning on our lee about 8 miles off got up the gaff cable and brist it on the bar bed anchors both anchors are ready for use at a moments warning we are in hopes of having a change of wind and getting out of her yet. but it is a dark look. broke out for her and spunk since a sail to the windward of us. to night seen obscure.

23rd Fine weather the wind died away this morning at 5 o'clock and left us almost surrounded by ice and land. no soundings here. at 8 o'clock A.M. got a strong breeze from the N. W. made sail and steered S. S. W. we came very near running ashore last night on Point Barrow. we were in a few rods of the shore and in 8 fathoms of water we cleared the ice at 12 o'clock A.M. saw plenty Bowheads and seal racks. the weather is very cold every thing is froze the sails are froze so we can hardly furl them seen obscure.

24th Fine weather strong breeze from the S. E. steering on the wind along down the coast about 8 miles off. under all sail 3 canoes came all caps Franklin with mation at 5 o'clock this morning saw a sail on our lee bore and passed her to be the Mary. also saw plenty Bowheads to day got a latitude this noon and found we were in Lat 70.55° N.

25th Hazy weather snowing most of the day blowing a gale of wind from the S. W. steering on the wind under close reefed top sails and reefed courses. saw the ship May of New Bedford to day sailing in company with her we have gained two miles to the windward of her to day saw plenty Bowheads to day Lat 71.1° N.