

Remarks On Board Of Bark Lydia Of New Bedford.

Tuesday September 4th 1866

Commenced with moderate breezes from the North and Smokey weather. Employed in Stowing Oil in Main Hatch. 6 PM finished. Spoke the Barks Courier 3 Whales and Islander 5 Whales and heard a Gam. Middle and Latter part light air and calm & cloudy. 9 Ships in sight. It looks very dry about here.

No Obs.

Wednesday Sept 5th

Continues light air from the North heading to the Eastward. Middle part Strong breezes from the North. Latter part Strong Gale heading by the wind. Under our Storm sails. Ends quite rugged with Squalls of Snow. 4 Ships in sight.

Lat 70° 45' N. Long 169° 25' W

Thursday Sept 6th

Continues Strong Gale from the North and rugged Cloudy weather heading by the wind on short tack. Under close reefed M. T. sail and staysails. Middle and Latter part more moderate with snow in squalls. Nothing in sight but 6 Ships. Spoke the Eliza Adams. 6 Whales the Season. So Ends.

Lat Obs 70° 16' N. Long by Chron 170° 56' W

Friday Sept 7th

Continues moderate breezes from N. N. W. heading by the wind tacking Ship occasionally. 7 PM Spoke the Mile 3 Whales Middle part the same. Latter part Strong breezes from the North. Saw Whales. Sounded and chased but could not catch him 11 A.M.

took up the boats. blowing almost a Gale & Rugged.

Ends with Snow Squalls.

If this is not hard Whaling, 11 Ships in sight then I am no Judge.

Thos. W. Hathaway Master Cruising in Arctic.

Saturday September 8th 1866

Commenced with Strong Gale from the Northward and quite rugged attended with Snow Squalls. 6 PM Shortened sail to close reefed M. T. sail and staysails the remainder of this day Strong Gale & rugged with Squalls of Snow 5 Ships. Heard old country this and no mistake. Ends thick Snow Storm.

Sunday Sept 9th

Continues the same. Saw a whale close to the Ship. Middle and Latter part Strong Gale. and thick dirty weather from the N. E. Lying to Under Storm sails. Plenty of Snow in Squalls.

Monday Sept 10th

Rather more moderate but still Strong breezes and thick weather. Middle part moderate. Latter part light breezy and Cloudy 5 Ships in sight. Spoke the Canton Packet 4 Whales the Season. Ends fine weather.

Lat Obs 70° 03' N. Long by Chron 172° 10' W

Tuesday Sept 11th

Continues light breezes from the Eastward heading by the wind in company with the Canton Packet. 6 PM Spoke the Florida. Middle part moderate & foggy. Latter part Strong breezes from the North and rugged 2 Ships in sight. Ends half A. Gale. no whale weather.

Lat 69° 50' N. Long 170° 47' W

Wednesday Sept 12th

Strong Gale and rugged dirty weather from the North heading to the Eastward. 2 PM Shortened sails. Middle part the same. Latter part Strong breezes and cloudy. quite rugged and thick weather. Saw a whale. but did not see him again. 1 Ship in sight.

Lat 69° 38' N. Long 176° 50' W