

Ship Mary Francis Cruising in October 1855

Tuesday Sept 2nd 1855

P.M. strong Breeze at N. very rough sea. A.M. more moderate. Small sail staid by the wind to the N. P.M. saw a great many Pupsacks. Barked Beach Hops of the fish and best another. Commenced hoping the fish. Lat 55. 10 N

Wednesday Sept 3rd

P.M. fresh Breeze from the westward with fair weather. Staid by the wind most of the time on the northern tack. A.M. moderate Breeze from S.W. to N.W. heading to N.W. all sail set. employed at various jobs. opened a Pipe of Bread. Lat 57. 11 N

Thursday Sept 4th

P.M. moderate Breeze from N. to N.W. first part staid by the wind to the N. at 3 P.M. spoke Ship Rescuee of N. Bedford. 3 Whales the season. latter part smart smart Breeze at N.W. staid by the wind to N.E. the Rescuee. Reported Ships doing remarkably well to the N.

Lat 57. 07 N
Long by Alt 142. 44 E
by Sun 141. 28 E

Friday Sept 5th

all these 24 hours moderate Breeze from N.W. to S.W. clear and fine weather. Staid N.E. P.M. saw several humpbacks. lowered without success. A.M. employed blowing down oil in c-holds. saw the land to the N.W.

Lat 58. 15 N

Saturday Sept 6th

all the 24 hours light Breeze from S.W. to N. clear and fine weather. Staid N.E. & E.N.E. employed variously. at Noon nearest land bearing N. Dist about 15 Miles.

4 Ships in sight. 3 of them Boiling fat 59. 02
Long by Alt 150. 38 E
by Sun 150. 33 E

Cruising to the North.

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Sunday Sept 9th

P.M. moderate Breeze at S.W. first part staid in for the land. saw a Ship take a Whale. Middle part lay two near the land. latter part wind from the Eastward. Cloudy unsettled weather. all the boats in Pursuit of Whales. so ends

Monday Sept 10th

P.M. smart Breeze from the eastward. cloudy unsettled weather. saw plenty of Whales close in shore. Struck to N. West. got the Whale to the Ship at 6 P.M. cut in throat and lip and lashed down for the night. A.M. moderate Breeze at N.W. clear weather. at 9 finished cutting. Commenced Boiling. made sail and staid towards the land. at Noon the land to the N. Dist 10 Miles. Lat 59. 05 N
Spoke Bl. Ship & Boat.

Tuesday Sept 11th

first part fine Breeze at S.W. clear weather. staid in for the land. at 2 P.M. lowered for Whales. Struck to N. West. took the Whale alongside at 6 P.M. headed off shore. A.M. moderate Breeze from the Eastward. employed cutting and boiling. Manuel Staten. Missed a Whale to the Jarle Boat and was turned out for so doing. he had Missed several Whales the last season although he has fastened to some very much. but there is no dependence in his striking a Whale. and it was decided not to allow him an opportunity to Miss any more. at Noon nearest land Dist about 15 Miles.

Wednesday Sept 12th

P.M. moderate Breeze from S.W. and calm clear and fine weather. finished cutting, and cut up the Clubber. latter part strong gale from the N. very rough sea. at 8 P.M. rounded the top sails lay to on larle tack. heading to the Eastward. employed Boiling. mustering Casks &c. Started 3 Casks from hocks. at Noon the land Dist 25 Miles.