

Ship Mary Ensign. Cruising in the Orkney Sea

Thursday Sept 13th 1855

first and middle part strong gale from the N. and clear latter part gale abated. Set double Reef topsails. Stew by the wind, employed Boiling, and stowing down oil in Afterhold Starboard side.

Brought a Cask of Flour. at noon land dist about 30 miles.

Friday Sept 14th

most part of the 24 hours moderate breeze from N.W. to S.W. and calm. Steered N.E. and E. Current setting S.W. P.M. finished stowing in the afterhold.

A.M. employed to finish Boiling. Commenced stowing in Forehold Starboard side. at noon land dist about 20 miles.

Saturday Sept 15th

most part of the 24 hours moderate breeze from the Eastward and calm. Clear and fine weather. Steered by the wind on different tacks, employed stowing down oil in Forehold Starboard side. at noon nearest land bearing N.E. dist 15 miles. no Whales seen this day.

Sunday Sept 16th

all the 24 hours moderate variable winds and fair weather. worked along shore to the N.E. A.M. sent the Boat in shore cruising for Whales. saw only 4 or 5. Whales. Spoke Ship, three Brothers of Nantucket 2100 lbs the season. Boiling last Whale and Brought off the ground. also spoke the Vineyard of old town. 1800 lbs season. at noon land dist 6 to 8 miles. Cruising off a large Bay which extends some 20 or 30 Miles into the North. 3 Ships in sight Cruising off the Bay.

Cruising in the North part of Orkney Sea 1855

Monday Sept 17th 1855

P.M. fine Breezes from the South clear and fine weather. all the Boats cruising for Whales. saw only two Whales. A.M. easterly winds cloudy unsettled weather. Boat off Cruising no Whales seen. Ship off the mouth of the Bay. Whales apparently all left the ground, as there is none seen by the different Ships.

Tuesday Sept 18th

P.M. moderate variable winds cloudy and hazy weather. employed at various jobs. Cooper setting up pipe Shoals. Rove for Buntlines and beach lines of tawline.

latter part strong gale at N.W. at 5 A.M. clear Reefed the topsails. handed Fore sail. at 7 handed Fore & Main topsails. heading N.W. at noon gale abated some. Set double Reef topsails & Fore sail. Brought Ship to N.N.E. land dist about 20 miles.

Wednesday Sept 19th

most part of the 24 hours strong Breezes from the N. clear weather. Steered by the wind on different tacks. Boiling in towards the land. employed at various jobs at noon land dist 6 to 8 miles. four Ships in sight not a Whale to be seen.

Thursday Sept 20th

commenced with moderate breezes at E.N.E. hazy weather in company with Ship Roscam & Maria Thea sea. Middle and latter part smart breeze at E.S.E. Steered by the wind to the S. in company with the two Ships. at noon the land dist about 30 miles. Brought a Cask of Flour.

Friday Sept 21st

all the 24 hours smart Breezes at E to E.N.E. hazy and overcast. Steered by the wind to S.E. employed at various jobs.

Bought 4 Pieces of Beef from the Maria Thea sea.

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