

Ship Mary Frances Cruising in Orkney Sea Sept 1855

Saturday Sept 22nd

all these 24 hours smart breeze at E.N.E. cloudy and overcast. Steered by the wind on different tacks, employed at various jobs, at noon the land to the N. Dist by estimation 20 miles Adams Bay bearing N.W. 1/4.

X Captain Hazard and the cook had some altercation in regard to heating water for the steward to wash dishes in, the cook insisting it was not his duty. He has frequently disobeyed similar orders from the Captain constituting himself sole judge of what his duty is and what is not. He is a very quarrelsome disagreeable man, has frequently threatened to take the lives of several persons on board, and I can truly say, that he is the most disagreeable cook that ever I sailed with.

Sunday Sept 23rd

P.M. fine breeze from the Eastward, cloudy unsettled weather, first part steered by the wind to the N., at 3 P.M. Steered to the Westward across the mouth of the Bay, at 11 P.M. Double Reefed the topsails hauled by the wind to S.E. A.M. moderate gale at E. and stormy, heading to S.E. under Close Reef Main topsail, at 11 A.M. veered ship to the N.

Monday Sept 24th

P.M. strong breeze at E.N.E. stormy weather heading to the N. under short sail. A.M. smart breeze at N.E. Steered by the wind to N.W. latter part saw Whales close in with the land, lowered the boats for them. 4 ships in sight, one Building.

Tuesday Sept 25th

most part of these 24 hours moderate breeze from the N. fine weather, first part boats in Pursuit of Whales without success. Middle part stood boats crew watches, at daylight lowered the boats, struck a whale to J. Boat, was fast a short time the line got cut off by a lance, lost the whale after chasing 15 or 20 miles, took the Cooper for a boat-tender, Cook wrangling and threatening to kill the steward as usual, and giving little heed to the Captains orders. Sent down Dr. Wilson D. G. yards.

Wednesday Sept 26th

most part of these 24 hours fine breeze from N. to W. clear and fine weather, cruising a few miles to the Eastward of Orkney City, saw considerable many Whales, all the boats in Pursuit without success to ~~be~~ in sight.

Thursday Sept 27th

first part fine breeze at S.W. with fair weather, Cruising in sight of Orkney City, saw great many Whales. Latter part moderate breeze from the N. clear and fine weather, plenty of Whales, got one to J. Boat, struck him about one mile from the City, 5 fms water got him to the ship at noon. Two boats in Pursuit of Whales, opened tire. Rep. B. Park.

Friday Sept 28th

all these 24 hours light variable wind and calm, fine weather, at 2 P.M. Anchored in 8 fms water, commenced cutting, at 7 finished. W. Boat got a whale got him to the ship at 2 A.M. latter part employed cutting, finished at Noon, saw several Whales going W. at noon land Dist 10^{mi}.