

Remarks On Board Of Bark Ontario Of New York

Monday August 29<sup>th</sup> 1864  
Commence light breeze and smokes from N.W. Steering N. by E. 1/2 P.W. wind S. S.W. and thick snow storm heading by the wind to S.E. The remainder of this day strong gales from W. S.W. heading on different tacks saw ice and several seals. Ends strong gales thick & rugged  
No Obs

Tuesday Aug<sup>30</sup><sup>th</sup>  
Continues the same strong gales from N.W. and thick weather attended with snow in squalls heading on different tacks. Under close reefed topsails  
No Obs

Wednesday Aug<sup>31</sup><sup>th</sup>  
The weather continues the same several ships in sight. Saw a Bowhead and lowered 2 boats could not catch him. Middle part more moderate made sail and steered to N.E. Latter part saw Bow Head, lowered but could not come up with them. 28 seals in sight 3 or 4 boiling  
Latt Obs 70.08 N Long 172.20 W

Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup> 1864  
Commence light air and calms heading to the Eastward. Middle and latter part fresh breeze from S.E. saw B.H. and lowered for him but he was off like Bob's horse. So ends 25 ships in sight  
No Obs

Friday Sept<sup>2</sup><sup>nd</sup>  
Continues fresh breeze from S.E. heading on different tacks. Plenty of ice 4 P.W. spoke ship Arnolda and bark Mullin of N.B. and had a gun. Middle and latter part moderate breeze from S.E. and thick weather heading various ways. Plenty of ice. Snow and Rain nothing in sight more worthy of remark only about 15 or 20 ships. Heard times there, do what we will or go where we think is the best chance we cant get a whale. So ends

Wm W. Barnes Master In the Arctic 1864

Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864  
These 24 hours commence with fresh breeze from W. N.W. heading to the Eastward. Saw B.H. going quick did not lower any quantity of ice. Middle part W. N.W. heading to the Eastward from N.W. and thick weather with snow and rain heading by the wind on opposite tacks. Saw a Pinback and 1 sail  
Snow & Rain

Sunday Sept<sup>4</sup><sup>th</sup>  
Strong breeze from N.W. and thick dirty weather lying under our storm sails. The remainder of this day strong gales attended with snow and rain lying under close reefed M.F. sail and staysails. 1 ship  
Gale of Wind in Sight

Monday Sept<sup>5</sup><sup>th</sup>  
Continues the same middle part more moderate. Latter part moderate made all sail and steered to N.W. wind to the Eastward. Saw 1 ship  
Latt Obs 69.56 N Long by Chron 171.17 W

Tuesday Sept<sup>6</sup><sup>th</sup>  
Moderate breeze and long fog from the Eastward heading to the N.W.W. bent a new main top sail and spoke ship Gay Head Lawrence of New Bedford 10 whales the season. Middle and latter part moderate breeze from N.E. and most part of the time foggy. Lying aback most of the time. Ice in sight  
Ends Foggy

Wednesday Sept<sup>7</sup><sup>th</sup>  
Moderate breeze from N.E. 1 P.W. saw a Bow Head and lowered for him but he came on board. Unbent P. Top sail and bent another. bent a new main top sail. 3 whips and ice in sight. Middle part much the same. Latter part light breeze and clouds attended with squalls of snow hail. Rain and ice from the N.W.E. steering to the Southward. Plenty of ice and 25 ships in sight. So ends  
Latt 69.07 N Long 171.05 W