

Thursday August 11th 1859.

This day commenced with a strong breeze handed all the light sails. After breakfast called all hands and put another boat on the water - boats crases as the other was an old one.

This afternoon raised a school of Blackfish but did not lower for them. Set Main top Gallant sail and got to sail, washed off decks twice today this morning and after 4 P.M. Strong breeze from S.E. steering a course about West.

Course W. Wind S.E. E.
2^d day from Fanning

Friday August 12th 1859

This day commenced with a fine breeze and thick haze weather. Washed off the deck around the tryworks and in the waist. The first two hours of this forenoon finished hitching and grafting the masts boats warp, at four bells went to the masthead. This afternoon broke out the Main and After hold for ^{shocks} the mate told Mr. Woodell to stand mastheads with the boat-tender. This is one of the most curious vessels as regards rules and regulations that I ever saw or heard tell of to all appearances it seems that the 2^d mate (Mr. Woodell) and myself who shipped as third mate and boat-tender are considered no more than common sailors, only that we head the watches, nights and live and sleep in the cabin. We are not allowed to perform our duties as officers but expected to jump pull and haul like the rest of the hands which in other ships that I have been in where the mate knew his duty he would not allow them to do; but here if we do not do it there are hints thrown out by the mate that we do not know our places. In my way of thinking he is not a man that is capable of performing his duty.

Mr. Hogan may be a good whalman and when you have said that you have said all. As the way things are going on now, if we make a voyage the whales will have to come alongside and turn up of their own accord for I don't think that there is much interest left for a voyage either fore or aft. We have taken in the light sails and hauled the Courses up as we are on good whaling ground but think there is but little use in it so ends the twelfth of August 1859.

Saturday August 13th 1859.

This day commenced with a fine breeze from the S.E. very disagreeable weather all last night until after sun rise, fine rain and quite chilly. This forenoon mended and bent the 4th jib and then took mast stay sail. This afternoon broke out the main hold for a cask of clothing and in the After hold for a cask of meat, finished about four and washed off. The cooper at work sitting up shooks. We have three sick men on the sick list. There has been nothing in sight worthy of note.

Disagreeable and cool weather.

Sunday August 14th 1859.

This day commenced with a good leading wind and accompanied with some fine rain and quite chilly. This morning the mate showed a little spite about the mastheads but did not rent it as usual on any of the men, he only broke his pipe and went off growling. Nothing unusual has occurred today. About five or six the main fore and raised a school of Blackfish but being near sunset we did not lower for them. The sky has been overcast all day the sun coming out occasionally, fine breeze. Took in Main-top Gallant sail and Main top Gallant stay sail and braced up sharp on the wind.

Wind S.E. E.

Monday August 15th 1859.

This day commenced with a light breeze and cloudy with frequent showers of fine rain. Saw a school of Blackfish. About eight A.M. saw Woods island on our starboard bow; the cooper at work sitting up casks. Middle part very fine weather and a good breeze; sunning feet. Latter part, just breeze, saw another island on the starboard bow; at six P.M. took in the light sails and hauled aback the Main top sail for the night strong breeze from S.E. E.