

Remarks on board the Bark Osceola 3<sup>d</sup> Capt. C. F. Hamblin

Monday September 12<sup>th</sup> 1859.

This has been a very fine and pleasant day. This forenoon broke out water. Three sail in sight. This afternoon the watch employed in pointing and hitching the running rigging. There has been a light breeze all day, at sunset hoisted up the courses for the night. South heads nearly astern. four sail in sight.

Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup> 1859.

This day has been a very busy one. this morning about 1/2 past six lowered for sperm whales and about ten the starboard boat fastened to a large one, got him alongside about noon and after dinner commenced cutting in. got the head off and part of the body in just after dark. knocked off, got supper and set boats crew watches for the night.

Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> 1859.

Today finished up boiling our whale. Last Wednesday finished cutting and took in the pork and bailed the case. Mr. Wardell took the first watch. Thursday bailing the head and case. Friday and Saturday boiling and getting casks out of the hold. Today there has been nothing done since morning. There has been a fine breeze all day, pass through the tide rip several times. one sail in sight on the weather beam.

There is 21 casks of oil turned up on deck which will probably stow down about 95 or 100 barrels.

So Ends.

Monday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1859

This day commenced with a strong breeze and heavy damp fog but cleared off before sunrise. Nothing of much importance going on one sail in sight all day. strong breeze took in the light sails and tacked off the land. Off and on the lee bar.

There has been several tide rips today the heaviest being the strongest the work to windward. Several schools of Porpoises and Blackfish around today.

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Tuesday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1859.

This day has been a fine one and also a very busy one. this morning commenced to cooper the oil and got through about five and washed off. have had all hands at it all day and I must say it was the greatest piece of cooping I ever saw the captain headed this job that is he fitted all the hoops and the cooper put the rivets in and the rest drove them on. We have curious works on board of this craft. The following are the gauges of the casks.

| Head Oil                 | Body Oil                 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> 5 - 162. | 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 - 168. |
| " 11 - 142.              | " 2 - 163.               |
| " 12 - 121.              | " 3 - 150.               |
| " 13 - 147.              | " 4 - 243.               |
| " 14 - 168.              | " 5 - 132.               |
| " 15 - 153.              | " 6 - 135.               |
| " 16 - 137.              | " 7 - 213.               |
| " 17 - 127.              | " 8 - 126.               |
|                          | " 9 - 120.               |
|                          | " 10 - 142.              |

91 barrels 25 galls

Wednesday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1859.

This day commenced with a light breeze and foggy. Commenced breaking out the main hold on the starboard side to stow oil, got through about 9 and began to put the oil down. have been all day at it, all hands on deck. One sail in sight.

Thursday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1859.

Commenced this morning to wash off the sail and house and finished inside and out by noon. This afternoon the vessel washed off the waist boat. This forenoon saw a whale three flakes but turned out to be a finback. a light breeze all day and cloudy a sail on the weather beam.

So ends this day.

Friday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1859.

This day commenced with a moderate breeze and cloudy. broke part the fore hold for a cask of hoops and finished about noon. this afternoon sailed with the Bark Sacramento 16 months out 80 barrels. the Osceola was also in the game.

Saturday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1859.

This day has been about as usual except a fresh breeze about 11 past two set the signal for the Captain of the Stary Francis to come on board. He took a large whale the same day that we did, 1 sail in sight on the weather bow also quite a number of Litter Bottoms in sight. So ends this week.