

Remarks on board bark Casoola 3rd Capt. Chas. W. Hamilton.

Thursday Sept. 6th 1860

This day fine weather with a moderate breeze; for the last 24 hours have had a lie current this afternoon it changed. have lowered twice today for blackfish but did not get any. At sunset the deck on our lee beam about 1/2 miles off, also I sail in sight.

Friday Sept. 7th 1860

This day fine weather with a strong breeze, a number sulphur bottomed and I sail in sight. At three the capt. went on board the Dartmouth and then both capt. went to the Aurora, the mates were here; 2^d mate to the Dartmouth, in the evening lost the Dartmouth. At ten the mate returned to the Aurora and while waiting for the Dartmouth our boat got adrift, the captain took one of her boats and tried to find her but did not make out. The mate also went with a boat crew and has not returned yet - all hands all night.

Saturday Sept. 8th 1860

This morning about one the captain returned and at four the mate got back but did not find the boat, as soon as he was on board had a short nap until 5. About 9.30 the Dartmouth picked up the boat and at 8 had the boat and Mr Woodell on board. the port watch went below having been all night in deck.

Thursday Sept. 13th 1860

This day fine weather with a moderate breeze the carpenter and mate making a topmast the cut beating up seaward made for fancy gaskets. About seven the mate struck a blackfish off the bow and he started the line lowered the two quarter boats and the mate struck again but the iron broke, got on board again about eight P.M.

Saturday Sept. 15th 1860

This day commenced with fine weather and a light breeze, I sail in sight also several Sulphur-bottomed whales. At 11.15 after 2 P.M. the captain lowered down for blackfish but did not get fast got on board again a few minutes before 4, cleared up the deck wet hold and washed off. At sunset the Dartmouth hove close under our lee, the Aurora in sight to windward, the current changed again this afternoon, setting to windward.

Today the capt. found a good deal of fault with me for not striking a blackfish he went in the head of the boat but did not do any better than I did, he is a regular old pro and any way so I don't care the mass of my finger for him.

Sunday Sept. 16th 1860

This day fine weather light breeze till afternoon a little after 2 captain Houghton came on board hoisted the colors for Capt. Wharshall, but being Sunday he could not gain the gun called.

Monday Sept. 17th 1860

This day have had quite string times. About 9 A.M. missed a school of Finm Whales, lowered down and in a short time the 2^d mate got fast soon after the mate got started and struck again Mr Woodell took his whale to the ship and went off and struck another which proved to be the one the mate started from, got all three alongside about 5 P.M. got supper and all boats crew watches for the night, Starboard boats first watch three hours and fifteen minutes.



Tuesday Sept. 21st 1860

This day fine weather finished boring last night today about 11 A.M. the mate raised whale again lowered down and the 2^d mate struck but the whale let his line off soon after the mate struck and took his line and part of the 2^d mate's but he got to him with him to spouting thick blood when the iron broke and lost him, about an hour the starboard boat struck and saved her whale after getting the boat stove, got him alongside about 5 P.M.



Saturday Sept. 22nd 1860

This day called all hands at daylight and commenced to cut in, got through about 5 A.M. The captain went on board the Aurora after some flagg, started the works to bail out.

Monday Sept. 24th 1860

Commenced this morning to cooper the oil. At 10 A.M. broke out the fore hold and in the afternoon stowed down oil, about 2 P.M. the captain went on board the Aurora and spent the evening.

Tuesday Sept. 25th 1860

Today finished coopersing and stowing down. About 4 P.M. the captain went on board the Aurora, the Dartmouth in company.