

Barb. Gabella Bristol Bay 1860

Wednesday 29th Aug 1860

29th. Mostt wind to S W heading to W top sails
at 2 sun whales lowered and chases
come on board at dusk sun another took
in sail did not lower middle part fine better
do on different tacks Lat 55 57

Thursday 30th Aug 1860

30th. Fine & pleasant at kept of 16 at 1 sun whale
lowered & struck, sun until dusk with
4 boats, lost 10 lines, 1 spade, 1 lance 75 fathoms
of line & 4 bunch lines, ^{dreamed of seeing} ^{Quaker & Whaler} at all confidence of my
going at 9 hoisted up took in sail there to
for the remainder of the season middle part
strong gales double reefed main top sail better do

Friday 1st Sept 1860

31st. Strong gales from the E close reefed main
top sail heading S E at 6 rose to the 16
mostt better mostt at 10 rose to the S top sails
set fore & main

Saturday 2nd Sept 1860

1st. And mostt thick fog & rain wind S E heading
S W top sails set & hitting boats gear on
middle part wind S W at light made sail
steered of E 16 E, 16 W E at 9 saw a whale
lowered galleyed hoisted up stood to

Sunday 3rd Sept 56 14, Aug 17 10 00

2nd. Mostt wind S W rose to the S E all sail
set, at 6 wind S E plenty of fin backs
standing on different tacks at light made sail
rose to the E at 8 to the S W

Monday 4th

3rd. Strong gales at S W heading to the W top sails
plenty of fin backs at 11 hard gale close reefed top sail
at light mostt kept of 16 W better post mostt
plenty of fin backs to down down wind S
commenced making another foot mat for my
dear wife, a work of love, with her initials
S.A.T. I hope to have a chance to send it

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4th. Mostt wind to S light heading to S during calm
middle part of strong gales better do standing
16 W top sails set at 11 saw a sail to seaward
sun of Lat 57 30

Thursday 5th Sept 17 47

5th. Strong gales from the S W rose to the S top
sails set sun of & spoke the Bimsoil of
Bar Bedford Capt came on board lying by
middle part strong gales, better do standing
on different tacks

Friday 6th

6th. Strong gales at 1 rose to the S E at 3 took
in fore top sail & fore sail at 6 close reefed main
top sail & rose to the W hard gales & ready duty
fell all night at 5 mostt at 8 rose to the E
set fore & fore top sail better post mostt

Saturday 7th Lat 58 00, Aug 17 00 2

7th. Mostt heading S E rose & spoke the Bimsoil
cup came & board double reefs jil & main sail
what shall I do middle part fine mostt better post
fine stood to the E made St Pauls Island

Sunday 8th Lat 57 20

8th. Fine wind I stucked to the S all sail set
middle part strong gales double reefed top sails
hailed jil & main sail better post mostt
rose to the E S E Bimsoil to the Bimsoil
Thus has passed 40 years off my life 40 years
140 years old

Monday 9th

9th. Fine light air at S W heading S W all sail
middle part the same better post strong gales
saw the Bimsoil chase a whale at 10 suffered to
take in sail during & blowing dreamed of seeing

Tuesday 10th Fair Pass

10th. Strong gales from the W double reefed main top
sail rose to the S W at 6 close reefed & rose to the
W all night better post some abated set fore sail &
heading S