

Bark Isabella in the Arctic Ocean

Saturday 24th Aug 1861

24th Fine light airs from the E heading to the S
Thousands of Walrus. See the Ice, Boiling
Middle part strong gales blowing aback, latter do
at 10 lowered & chased, No. 10 gullied by smoke

Sunday 25th 58 35

25th Mostt wind S W on different tacks at 2 lowered
& chased at 7 got on board, Boiling wind N
Middle strong gales latter more mostt standing
to the S W 13 ships Lot 58 31

Monday 26th Aug 17 39

26th Fine wind N E heading N W Boiling see several
whale to fore of us 5 lowered & chased No. 10
Middle part fine latter part thick fog stowing oil

Tuesday 27th

27th Mostt wind N heading N W for stowing oil
at 8 cleared up at 7 saw whale lowered & chased
into the ice Middle part fine heading to the E
latter part strong gales clearing up to stowing oil

Wednesday 28th Lot 58 50

28th Strong gales from N E at 2 tacked to the N W
Several ships in sight Middle part thick fog
latter do on different tacks

Thursday 29th

29th Mostt thick fog & rain wind N E to E
Middle part the same latter cleared of sun off
S W at 10 tacked to that S E

Friday 30th Lot 58 59

30th Strong gales at N E to E double reefs at 2 rose to the
N thick & rainy several ships in sight
poor miserable fellows like myself looking for food
Middle part fog see 2 whales latter part foggy

Saturday 31st

31st Mostt wind N E standing to the N on the
H. Kneeland took a whale spoke the Tunny want
on board & stayed all night latter part quite fine
see 3 or 4 whale lowered & chased

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Sunday 1st Sept 1861

1st. Mostt foggy at intervals hoisted up Bunt & stood
to the E all sail set Middle part foggy, at 6 cleared of
sea whale lowered. Struck killed took alongside at 10
hooked on

Monday 2nd

2nd. Mostt wind N heading S W cutting at 4 got him
in took in sail Drugged spoke Bark latter time
Middle part strong gales latter do Boiling took
fore top sail rose to the S

Tuesday 3rd

3rd. Strong gales at N heading S W fore sail set Boiling
Middle part strong gales latter part more mostt
set double reefs & stay sails see whales lowered
& struck killed

Wednesday 4th Lot 59 25

4th. Mostt wind S Boiling sun of took alongside
at 3 hooked on cut in at 8 got through close to the
ice rose to the E made sail Middle part hard gale
latter do very heavy sea double reefed main & close
reefed fore top sail Lot 59 55

Thursday 5th Aug 17 21

5th. Hard gales at S heading E S E close reefed top sail
a very heavy sea running very disagreeable time
Middle part hard gales took in fore top sail Boiling
latter part fine calms & light airs from N. 1 ship in sight

Friday 6th

6th. Fine light airs from the East heading to the S short sail
Boiling to Middle part the same heading to the S
fog blown off see the ice breaking out to stow oil

Saturday 7th

7th. Mostt wind E heading S short sail Boiling thick
fog stowing oil at 5 fog blown off close to the ice
rose to the N E & made all sail on short tacks
latter part wind S heading to the E coopersing oil
see a ship

Sunday 8th Lot 59 09

8th. Mostt wind S heading to the E all sail Boiling, at 6 cleared
down rose to the S wind E Middle part some latter thick fog
stowing down all to stowing to the S see 3 ships