

Bark Isabella in the Arctic Ocean 1861

Monday 9th Sept 1861

9th. Most wind S & heading S S W main top sail set
Storing oil. See 3 ships 1 running to the W
at 10 knocked off track, Blowing Middle past same
Latter part foggy at intervals see a ship
Storing oil Lat 68 45

Tuesday 10th

10th. Most wind S & to S S E. rose to the E. Storing
oil & provisions clearing up. To Middle past strong
gales & thick fog dreamed of seeing Capt L King &
Latter part strong gales close reefed main top sail
Wednesday 11th

11th. Hard gales at S & close reefed main top sail
heading to the E at 11 abated set close reefed fore top
sail at 4 wind S W cor S & E main top sail set
storing away Bone & Shooks to see a ship

Thursday 12th

12th. Strong gales from the N W Look in fore sail luffed
to the E double reefed main top sail Middle past
away Latter part do

Friday 13th

13th. Hard gales from N W heading S W E main top sail
Middle past the same Latter do 68 17

Saturday 14th 170, 16

14th. Hard gales at N W lying to the S E main top sail & stay
sails Middle past more most, Latter part most
departing fore top sail Bent new fore sail &
see the last bound off Sunday 15th Lat 68 45

15th. Most wind N heading to the S S W all sail
set, see several whales in the distance
Middle past fine Latter do at 10 lowered for whale

Monday 16th

16th. Fine wind S W Boats down chasing galleys
at 5 hoisted up, saw a ship cutting another upholding
Middle past fine Latter part strong breeze
plenty of dipsticks see 2 ships to see the 15 Cape

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Tuesday 17th Sept 1861

17th. Strong increasing gales rounded jil & fore top sail
heading S W E saw over a whale at 4 set fore top sail
& 1 ship in sight Bitter cold pressing on deck
Middle past most Latter do at 5 lowered & struck
killed at 11 got along side & hooked on
Middle & Latter part strong gales double reefed
see several whales Wednesday 18th

18th. Fine wind N W cutting, strong gales double reefed
passed Bark Martha see several whales Middle
past more most Latter do at 5 lowered & struck
killed, took alongside to Leman at 11 hooked on
Thursday 19th

19th. Fine wind N W cutting, at 2 lowered one Boat chasing
at 3 got through lowered another Boat, plenty of whales
no go. Middle past fine Latter do Boiling
ran to the W & to the S E at 11 see whales lowered
and bearing S E 20 miles distant

Friday 20th Lat 67 41

20th. Fine wind S Boiling Boats down chasing
at 2 struck killed at 6 got along side & hooked
on Blowing away passed grey put on harness
reeled out rose ship to the S E & made sail
close reefed main top sail & fore sail Dugged
at 6 more sport got the whale along side to the
Leman hooked on & commenced cutting

see the land bearing S. Saturday 21st

21st. Most wind N heading to the E cutting
at 4 got in chased clicks & com. Boiling
by the Blessing of God we have secured our
whale. Lured all, Middle past strong gales Latter do
Storing away Bone, setting Shooks & Boiling
see a ship running off Boiling

Sunday 22nd Lat 67 14, Long 169 30

22nd. Most heading N E, Boiling, setting castles struck
away Bone to, at 6 rose to the S W Middle past most
Latter do breaking out & storing oil down of S E
luffed to the S E Land in sight N Cape bearing
W.

Lat 66 53