

Bark Bella Arctic Ocean 1862

Thursday 4th Sept 1862

4th Calm & Thick fog. Stowing of treen decks  
What shall I do, what shall I do.  
See a ship Middle past most thick fog  
Laying aback latter part rain & fog  
Wind SSE

Friday 5th

5th Strong gales thick & driving wind SSE  
Short tacks. Middle past a gale, at 8 took  
in fore top sail very dugged. Heading E

Saturday 6th

6th A gale at SE heading & double reefed  
main top sail very dugged, dark gloomy  
times, thoughts of home crowd thick in my  
mind Middle past more most latter clear  
see a whale to dugged to lines

Sunday 7th

7th Most wind SE heading SE double  
reefed top sails, thoughts of home & friends  
crowd thick & fast on my mind. I am  
anxious to leave to get home & sit down  
to rest, to be relieved of the cares &  
troubles of whaling. Middle past most  
latter do heading to the E. Stowing some oil  
treen decks. Lat 69 40

Monday 8th Long 17 32

8th 8 Most light winds from SE heading  
E all sail set. Stowed of treen decks  
Middle past fine latter do all sail stowing SE  
Set out the last of that vile stuff Whiskey

Tuesday 9th Lat 68, 55, 175 or

9th Fine wind SE heading E all sail set very  
fine at 8 see a whale at 8 lowered & struck  
at 8 got alongside overhauled & hooked on  
at 4 got through & turned in cleared decks &  
commenced Boiling latter part fine. Blessed  
be god forever.

Lat 68 43

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Wednesday 10th Sept 1862

10th fine wind SE heading Boiling lowered at 8  
struck, killed, at 8 got alongside & hooked  
in at 11 got through. cleared decks, lighted fires.  
latter part fine Breathing out & stowing away  
Bone to

Thursday 11th

11th Fine wind SE heading E Boiling, & got out Castles  
& Shooks. Middle past strong gales. latter part  
most setting up Shooks

Friday 12th

12th Fine beautiful weather. Wind rising to  
SE heading to the E Short sail Boiling  
stowed 50 Bbls. See 3 ships Middle past most  
at 4 strong gales at SSE took in jil & fore top  
sail latter do a gale close reefed the main top sail  
loofered some oil to stow to dugged cooled down  
100 Bbls oil on deck

Saturday 13th

13th Hard gales at SSE heading E SE close reefed  
main top sail & spencer & war sails very dugged  
Middle past a hard gale fooling & phonying  
possibly latter part some abated. Snow  
shipped in sea store Sunday 14th Belluask to

14th Still blowing hard & heavy sea running 2 close  
reefed top sails, at 4 set fore sail, fooling being  
at 10 rose to the SE, some abated heavy  
sea, latter part <sup>beginning of fore hatch</sup> more most at 8 rose to the  
E. Boiling water out of the tank to start  
oil

Monday 15th

15th More most set double reefs & jil. Wind  
SE heading E, stowing oil. Started 40 Bbls  
lighted fires & co Middle past most latter  
do stowing oil. Rept of SSE wind SE

Tuesday 16th

16th Most wind SE con SSE SE Short sail stowed  
45 Bbls at 3 raised a whale lost run of him see no  
more. Spoke of Brig Victoria Middle past seals  
latter part fine cooled down coopers oil