

Ship St George of New Bedford in the Arctic Oct 1/67

Tuesday October 1st

Commenced fine light breeze from S.W. all sail set working to windward middle part lying to with head yards aback. Latter part fresh breeze from W. With snow squalls ship heading to S.W. along the ice Herald Islands bearing S.W. distant 25 miles 10 A.M. saw Whales lowered 3 boats. Farboard boat & ships in sight 4 men off duty.

Wednesday October 2nd

Commenced blowing fresh from S.W. 2 P.M. took the whale alongside and commenced cutting 4 50 P.M. finished close reefed the topmasts. Ship heading to the S.E. along the ice middle part the same. Latter part fresh breeze from W. With snow 7 A.M. saw Whales going quick to W. S.W. were ship to S.W. Employed boiling and stowing Oil in the Fire hold 5 ships in sight.

Thursday October 3rd

Commenced blowing fresh from W. Ship heading S.S.W. under close reef 2 P.M. spoke barque Steplany of New Bedford middle part lying to with head yards aback. Latter part 7 A.M. bore up steering S.E. by E. Employed boiling 11 A.M. saw several ships boiling huffed by the wind on starboard tack heading S.S.W.

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Friday October 4th

Commenced with fresh breeze from W. Ship heading S.S.W. under close reef middle part the same. Latter part 2 A.M. bore up steering S.E. by E. Employed boiling and stowing Oil 7 men off duty sick 11 A.M. Ship & heavy sea carried away cutting stage & gangway rail.

Saturday October 5th

Commenced with fresh breeze from S.W. with snow squalls steering S.E. by E. under close reef 2 P.M. spoke ship Ocean of New Bedford middle part wind veered to S. and clear weather ship heading E.S.E. Latter part the same saw a ship to the south of us on starboard tack. Employed boiling 7 men off duty sick.

Sunday October 6th

Commenced with fresh breeze from S. ship heading E.S.E. under close reef 2 P.M. were ship heading N.S.W. middle part the same. Latter part wind veered to N.E. with snow were ship to E.S.E. employed boiling and stowing Oil 7 men off duty sick.

Monday October 7th

Commenced with fresh breeze from N.E. with snow squalls ship heading to S.E. under close reef 4 P.M. looked down the deck and stowed every thing off the deck. Weather looking very bad and barometer down to 28 7/8 middle part more moderate set upper topsails single reefed 2 A.M. were ship to N.W. Latter part 2 A.M. were ship to S.E. 11 A.M. sounded an 21 fathoms 2 men off duty sick.