

Bound into Port Sandwich Islands.

258 days out

Sunday August 28th 1853

We are blessed with a strong breeze from the N.E. & a little inclined to be squally. Steering S. for Port and all glad to be favoured with such a breeze as we are overboard from home and we are in hopes of getting letters and a letter from our friends will be like food to a starving man. Another reason for our hurry is that we have 3 sick men. I consider one very dangerously so and as one of our number is gone to rest we are more apt to apprehend trouble from the same quarter. Lat 36. 50 N.

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Monday August 29th1868
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12 months
in the year
I had no
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A fresh breeze from the N.E. by E. and pleasant weather. Steering S. by W. Finished washing the bone a very disagreeable job. Pumped the oil out of the tanks and stowed it in the fore hold (about 25 bbls) that ends stowing whale oil for this season. Lat 34. 20 N.

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Tuesday August 30th

Pleasant weather finished stowing the fore hold and spread the bone all about deck to dry. Took the stove out of the cabin tilted it and it away for another night whale season. The watch employed in separating and straightening the hair on each slab of bone. Rather a slow job but not hard work. I used up the day in skrimshanking. A plenty of skipjacks around. Lat 32. 24 N.

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Wednesday August the last

Wind N.E. and a little inclined to be squally. Steering S. We were favoured with one last night and threw the log and found we was a walking off at the rate of eleven knots. The log line parted and lost about half of it. At four o'clock P.M. stowed the bone in the blubber room on the casks and in the morning spread the other half to dry and the watch had a good job of shampooing the hair clearing out the snarls and working out the dirt while I was at work at my favourite employment. All are anxious to get in.

Lat 29. 50 N.

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Thursday September 1st 1853

Wind N.E. Steering S. making good headway toward port. At 4 P.M. stowed the bone in the blubber room where it will remain till we get in when it will be bundled and sent home. The watch employed in fixing the rigging and fitting blocks. The carpenter fitting the Capt's gig and I made a noise with the hatch all day. Lat 27. 20 N. Long West

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Friday September 2nd

Continued the same Steering S. by W. by 4. Went down the cutting tackle and commenced washing ship with lye and it bids fair to be a lengthy job. The Carpenter and myself finds something better to do that is much more agreeable. Lat 25. 55 N. Long West

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Saturday September 3rd

Beautiful weather Wind N.E. Steering S. by W. by 4. The watch busily employed cleaning the iron work about the windlass and scraping deck buckets bars and spades and and poles. Dried and coiled the whale lines and stowed them away. Finished washing ship by scrubbing deck with lye and fresh water about 2 hours. When we get in we intend to wash her thoroughly inside and out - having asily used the gangways skylights houses on deck and fire rails and masts. At 5 1/2 commenced setting up shooks for water and at 11 finished 13. Had a plenty of help from the Capt and 4 others. In the afternoon washed off deck for Sunday when the Capt caused a bucket of salts to be mixed and when the watch was set at night the starboard watch had a very pressing invitation to come aft and take a tot but they did not come so freely as they were wont in days that is past and gone when sweetened vinegar was salt out every morning but the Capt is very anxious that all should partake of of the beverage but as yet the boatsteers with myself have not concluded to imbibe the liquid think that there is time enough to take folypic when we are sick. We are very much obliged to him for his interest and care for our wellfare. The landward watch will get theirs soon as their watch is out. Lat 22. 34 N.