

Wednesday August 31st 1859

Strong breeze from South, steering by the wind. Midwood a number of sail in sight at 7 saw whale lowered, but the American boats struck and that just spoilt our chance, came on board and double reefed, strong wind, Middle and Latter part fresh gale with rain, at 8 A.M. hauled fore sail and S.S. Sail, this good.

Thursday Sept 1st

Strong breeze with rain from South under double reefed M.S. Sail, head Westward at 1 P.M. was spoken by the Mary and Susan of New Bedford about full, at 7 more ship to Eastward, Middle part fresh gale, at 3 P.M. set fore S. Sail, last reefed, Latter part strong gale, at noon finished hauling and more ship to E.S.E. had weather, if I had my say I would not stop here any longer, than it would take me to get out.

Friday Sept 2nd

Strong gale and landy air, wether from South under double reefed M.S. Sail, last reef fore head E.S.E. at 6 P.M. wore ship to Westward, at 7 A.M. reefed the main top sail, Middle part more moderate set double reefed sails, Latter part moderate breeze from North, stand different courses, broke out the main hole to stow a/c, saw 200 seals, and deer sail, this well.

Saturday Sept 3rd 1859

Fresh breeze and cloudy from N.E. under easy sail steering Southwesterly, at 6 P.M. finished stowing 98 bbls, a/c and gania with the William Gifford, I hardly think there is a master on this ground that likes to game so well, as the master of the good ship, Speedwell, the trouble is he does no work, and is never tired, Sam Oraley had ought to be master of this ship, he would not pick the poorest men, because he could get them for nothing, but give some men a lot of Portages and Kanakas, cannot understand our language and they are sure to be.

Sunday Sept 4th

Fresh breeze from N.E. at 2 P.M. broke up the gam, made sail and stowed S.S. M at 7 P.M. to Cape Lisburne E.S.E. 18 miles, double reefed the S. Sails, at 8 lay aback, head Eastward, Middle and Latter parts strong breeze at 4 A.M. hauled off S.S. M at 8 spoke, the O-mulgee, and hauled by the wind E.S.E. at 11 gania with the Robert Edwards well, I have not spent a very pleasant Sunday gaming does not agree with me, and at 5 P.M. the Siberia must come along hoisting her 4th whale, while we poor fellows have only got one, it seems hard that we have got to beat round a long season and only get one whale, but it can not be helped, Latter part 68. 32 it well.