

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickson, of

Friday September 26th 1862

Variable northeasterly winds, in the latter part quite strong. Cruising around in the vicinity of Matthews Island under easy sail. Sounded for a right whale. Spoke ship Champion of England.

Lat 60, 51 N

Saturday 27th

Blowing a northerly gale. The ship under short sail, near Matthews Island, which is in sight.

Lat 60, 41

Sunday 28th

Forepart moderate, latter part light variable northwesterly winds. The ship under requisite sail cruising near Matthews Island. Sounded for a right whale.

Monday 29th

Fore and latter part moderate variable southerly winds, middle, middling strong, do. Considerable fog. The ship under easy sail, round Matthews Island.

Tuesday 30th

From moderate to middling strong winds, varying from south to east with some fog. The ship under necessary sail, in the vicinity of Matthews Island.

Wednesday October 1st 1862

Fore and latter part. The ship under easy sail steering S E with a strong northerly wind, middle, laying to on the eastern tack with a goose winged main top sail.

Lat 57, 40

Thursday 2nd

Middling strong northerly winds. Forepart steering S E, latter part by the wind. Carrying prudent sail.

Friday 3rd

Fore part under double reefed topsails, with middling strong northeasterly winds, cruising for whales. Latter part laying to in a heavy northerly gale, with a goose winged main top sail. Sustained some damage to boats, rigging, &c.

Bulford; bound on a Cape Horn whaling voyage.

Saturday October 4th 1862

Forepart blowing a gale from the northward, the ship laying to under short sail, latter part the wind more moderate, steering S E, under easy sail.

Lat 53, 11 N Lon 174, 04 W Sunday 5th

Moderate variable northwesterly winds. The ship under all sail, steering about southeast.

Lat 53, 57 Lon 173, 08 Monday 6th

Forepart light, latter part moderate variable northerly wind. The ship steering southeast under all sail, including a topmast studding sail, and main royal. Chiefly employed at hauling new sails, at the main. At 11 o'clock P M saw some of the Fox Islands (bearing about E S E) near the one hundred and seventy two passage.

Lat 51, 23

Tuesday 7th

Blowing nearly a gale from the northward, with a heavy sea. Steering about southeast, and carrying all sail, for the most part of the time.

Lat 48, 58 Lon 168, 10 Wednesday 8th

Blowing a variable northwesterly gale. In the forepart steering S E by E, middle, and latter part steering E. Under all sail.

Lat 47, 53

Thursday 9th

Forepart strong northerly wind. The ship under all sail steering E. Middle light variable winds, latter part middling strong easterly winds, the ship under prudent sail on opposite tacks. Sent up the fore royal yard, and sail.

Friday 10th

Moderate variable southeasterly winds, with some rain, and fog. In the forepart, the ship on opposite tacks. Latter part on the starboard tack carrying prudent sail. No observation.