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Ship Uncas in a thick fog

Monday August 3rd

Commences with a fresh breeze from S and a thick fog. Employed in boiling Middle Part much the same. Latter Part fresh gale from the S. S. Ends Employed in boiling. Lat 52° 55' North.

Tuesday August 4th

Commenced with a gale of wind from South ship heading S E under close reefed main topsail and foresail boiling but bad work. Middle Part much the same. Latter Part thick and rainy and a fresh breeze from S. S. W. all hands Employed in stowing down oil and boiling and a hard storm and a man thinks of his friends at home so Ends good night. Lat of fog and long of bad weather.

Wednesday August 5th

Commences with fresh gales from S W ship under storm sails Employed in boiling and stowing down oil. Middle and Latter Part the same. No Obs.

Thursday August 6th

Commences with fresh gales from S. S. W. ship heading to the westward under all sail and a number of right whales. Middle and Latter Part the same. At 10 A M spoke the ship Ontario of Green of Sag Harbor 20 Obs. Lat 52° 41' North.

Friday August 7th

Commences with fresh breezes from the South ship with all sail set and thick fog steering to the W. At 3 P M unbest our old sails and bent new sails. Middle and Latter Part the same. At 10 A M move ship to the East so Ends. No Obs.

Saturday August 10th

Commences with fresh breezes from the S ship under double reefed top sails steering to the Eastward. Middle and Latter Part light variable winds plenty of whales in sight and plenty of ships. At 10 A M spoke the ship General Pike Pierce of New Bedford 1500 bbls. And I thought very hard that I had no letter but so it is when the pilot leaves the ship we are all forgot like rotten apples. Lat 52° 30' Long 112° 30' East.

Take Notice

Ship Uncas in Trouble

Sunday August 11th

Commences with light winds ship under all sail. number of ships in sight. Whales going quick to the Westward at 2 P M lowered for whales the W. B. struck and the live parties Middle and Latter Part the same so Ends no fish.

Monday August 12th

Commences with light breezes from the S ship under all sail. saw plenty of whales going quick to the westward Middle and Latter Part lowered for whales the W. B. struck one kill him and took him to the ship and commenced cutting. No Obs.

Tuesday August 13th

Commenced with calm all hands Employed in cutting and charing whales at 4 P M the B. B. struck one kill him and took him to the ship. Middle Part fine weather. Laying by the whale. Latter Part fresh Breeze at 4 A M commenced cutting at 11 A M finished to find three ships in sight. No Obs.

Wednesday August 14th

Light breezes from S W ship under easy sail. Employed in boiling and stowing down oil. Middle and Latter Part much the same so Ends one sail in sight. Lat 52° 07' North Long 111° 34' East.

Middle and Latter Part of the rest of the days are all the same.

Monday August 19th

Commences with light winds from the S made all sail bound for the Sand which I made with the Capt sick so we go with 2300 for a long voyage and sorry lives but never mind it will all come round right in 7 years and that will wear far away. So I bring my Journal to a close for this season and lay back for the next 6 months or all night and half the day and hear we go to get the news.