

1892 Journal of the Whaling Bark William Baylis

Fri Aug 26

This day begins with a light breeze from the N.W. steering S.W. W. down along the land towards Dry Cape. Middle part passed Dry Cape. Latter part wind very light steering down along the land.

Sat Aug 27

This day begins with a light breeze from the N.W. steering down along the land 2 Whalers in sight a head of us. At 11 am down our Capt went on board the Triton a whale. Middle part laying aback. Latter part traced forward steering North and N.W. with all sail set towards Dry Cape. The Sea horses and 2 Whalers in sight.

Sun Aug 28

This day begins with a moderate breeze from the N.W. steering N.W. passed Cape and at sundown Cape Smith in sight and at 10 PM anchored to the N.W. of Cape Smith in 12 fathoms of water. Middle part the same. Latter part moved to the S.W. a boat went on shore a ducking.

Mon Aug 29

This day begins with a moderate breeze from the S.W. Still laying at anchor to the N.W. of Cape Smith in 12 fathoms of water in company with several other Whalers. Middle part strong breeze. Latter part strong breeze hove our anchor up and made some sail and went around to the N.W. of point Barrow and anchored again in 5 fathoms of water.

Tues Aug 30 Lat 71.33 Long 158.03 West

This day begins with a strong breeze from the W.S.W. still laying at anchor at point Barrow in company with the Triton and Andrew Hooker and Brig F.A. Burton and Rosario and Sch. Combspha. Middle part wind hauled to the S.W. Latter part at day light hove our anchor up and made all sail bound to the N.W. steering S.W. W.

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Wed Aug 31

Lat 71.13 Long 160.39 West

This day begins with a light breeze and pleasant strength the day from the N.W. steering S.W. W. with all sail but in company with the Triton. Middle part came to the Ice. Latter part ship working to windward. Latter part came through a strip of Ice with clear water steering S.W. by W. Water stored on chains below and secured the anchors in the bow.

Thurs Sept 1

Lat 71.26 Long 163.31

This day begins with a good breeze from the N.W. steering S.W. by W. in company with the Triton and Andrew Hooker and F.A. Burton. Middle part about a calm. Latter part moderate breeze from the N.W. steering S.W. by W. with all sail set. Ice along to westward of us.

Fri Sept 2

Lat 71.36 Long 168.15

This day begins with a moderate breeze from the S.W. steering S.W. by W. Saw a dead whale but he was no good. Ice in sight to leeward of us. Middle part strong breeze took in the light sails. Latter part still a strong breeze with hail squalls.

Sat Sept 3

This day begins with a strong breeze and squally from the S.W. steering along by the land on the port tack 3 miles in sight. Middle part a calm with fog. Latter part moderate breeze from the W.N.W. saw the packed ice steering down along the edge with several other ships.

Sun Sept 4

Lat 71.15 Long 170.17

This day begins with a light breeze from the W.N.W. steering down along the Ice at sundown gaining the Triton and Rosario and Wander. Middle part moderate breeze laying aback. Latter part wind from the N.W. made sail working to windward up along the Ice with the other vessels.