

1892 Journal of the Whaling Bark William Baylies

Thurs Sept 15

This day begins with strong squalls and cloudy from the NW laying around in the ice under short sail. gained the Bark Bounding Bittern several other vessels and Herald Island and plenty of ice in sight. Middle port the same latter port moderate breeze made sail working around the ice

Fri Sept 16

This day begins with strong breezes with snow squalls saw the Triton Chasing a whale head soon after the Triton took his boat on board, and then we lowered our boats but did not get him. Middle port strong breeze working to windward under short sail. Latter port still a strong breeze about 9 AM raised a whale and lowered all the boats but did not see him after wards. came on board working up among the ice

Sat Sept 17

This day begins with strong breezes with snow squalls from the NW still working among the ice saw a ship later a whale Middle port strong breeze laying aback under short sail. latter port still strong breezes working among the ice

Sun Sept 18

This day strong breeze from the NW about 4 PM started off SE down along the ice with the other ships. Herald Island and 10 ships and plenty of ice all around. Middle port laying aback thick fog latter port wind light from the NW made all sail working among the ice.

1892 Captain Benjamin J. Cleveland?

Mon Sept 19

This day begins with a light breeze from the ESE gaining the Triton and Reindeer and California and Brig F. H. Barstow. Herald Island and plenty of ice in sight. Middle port strong breeze took in the light sails and upper topsails latter port the same working to windward under short sail

Tues Sept 20

This day begins with strong breezes with hail squalls from the SE. Made some sail working to the East Herald Island and 8 ships and ice in sight. Middle port the same. latter port moderate breeze made all sail wind from the East

Wed Sept 21

This day moderate breeze and foggy from the East About 2 PM raised a whale lowered all the boats and gave chase. came on board without getting any. Middle port laying aback latter port light breeze made all sail. About 11 AM raised a whale lowered all the boats and gave chase

Thurs Sept 22

About 2 PM Starboard Boats struck and soon after foreboard and starboard bow boat struck the same whale and got him along side and made fast. About 4 PM and went to cutting. finished cutting about 10 PM and got supper. latter port cleared away the head and lowered the boats for a whale but did not see him again

Fri Sept 23

This day moderate breeze from the ESE water very cutting blubber and about 3 PM lowered the boats for a whale but did not see him again. came on board and started the works. Middle port more ship still a boiling latter port lowered for a whale but did not see him again