

1892 Journal of the Whaling Boat William Baylies

Sat Sept 24

This day moderate breeze from the S.E. heading along by the wind under short sail. Water pumped some salt water and put down about 20 barrels of Oil. Still a boiling. Middle part the same. Latter part strong breeze about 8 A.M. lowered the boats for a whale and soon after the boat heeled in the Starboard Boat struck and the Whale run him so the other boats could not get to him. Finally the Whale took his line in the Ice lost one darting gun and several bomb lances.

Sun Sept 25

This day strong breeze from the N.E. the boats came on board and then went to stowing down Oil about 30 barrels. Middle part still a boiling and laying aback. Latter part strong breeze still a boiling.

Mon Sept 26

This day begins with a strong breeze and cloudy from the N.W. finished boiling and bury stowing down Oil several ships and plenty of Ice in sight. Middle part moderate breeze more ship. Latter part moderate breeze and cloudy. Finished stowing the Oil below about 110 Barrels and put the boat below and broke out a tank of Bread. Fred Pilgrim a man forward is off duty got fanned a little by a tank of Oil.

Tues Sept 27 Lat 71.44

This day moderate breeze and cloudy from the N.W. working around the Ice about 8 P.M. lowered 2 boats for a whale but did not see him again. Middle part laying aback. Latter part strong breeze working among the Ice tack and tack.

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Wed Sept 28

This day strong breeze from the N.W. working among the Ice tack and tack saw a whale going up into the Ice did not lower the boats. 15 ships and the pack of Ice in sight. Middle part blowing strong going. Ice making fast laying aback. Latter part still blowing strong and Ice making at the time laying around among the Ice under short sail.

Thurs Sept 29 Lat 71.39. Long 172.25 West

This day begins with strong breezes with snow squalls from the N.W. lowered the boats for a whale but did not see him again. At dark took in the upper topsails and jib. Laying around among the Ice 15 ships and plenty of Ice in sight. Fred Pilgrim is on duty again. Middle part laying aback. Latter part still a strong breeze working around among the Ice.

Fri Sept 30

This day strong breezes with snow squalls from the N.W. laying around among the Ice tack and tack 15 ships and plenty of Ice in sight. Middle part laying aback. Latter part still strong breezes with thick snow squalls. Working among the Ice looking for a whale.

Sat Oct 1

This day begins with strong breezes with thick snow squalls from the N.W. working among the Ice looking for a whale several ships and plenty of Ice in sight. Middle part laying aback. Latter part moderate breeze made sail and about 5 P.M. saw a whale lowered all the boats and Starboard Boat struck and the Waste Boat struck the same whale, got the whale along side and made fast about 11 A.M. and got dinner.