

1892 Journal of the Whaling Bark William Baylies

Sun Oct 2

This day begins with strong breezes from the NW commenced cutting after dinner and got the whole cut in about 5^{1/2} and got supper and set the watches. Watch on deck clearing away the head. Latter part light breeze made sail working among the ice. Watch busy boiling and cutting blubber

Mon Oct 3

This day begins with strong breeze with snow from the NW took in the light sails and upper fore topsail. Busy boiling and cutting blubber 18 ships and plenty of ice in sight. Middle part wind light. Latter part about a calm and stick with snow. Watch busy boiling and cutting blubber and pumping salt water.

Tues Oct 4

This day begins with a light breeze with snow squalls from the NW, laying aback and storing down oil and boiling. Blubber all cut 7 ships and ice in sight. Middle part more ship. Latter part moderate breeze made all sail heading along by the wind. Watch finished storing down the fresh of the oil, and about 11 AM saw the whole lowered all the boats but did not see him again.

Wed Oct 5

Lat 71.08 Long 172.00 West
This day begins with a light breeze from the NW heading along by the wind several ships and ice in sight. Middle part snowing. Latter blowing a gale from the NW laying around on different backs under lower topsails.

Thurs Oct 6

This day blowing heavy with snow from the NW steered off to a whole then hauled on the wind saw a whole could not lower the boats blowing strong and rugged saw 2 sails steering to the SE. Middle light moderated. Latter part quite good weather made sail working up among the ice.

1892 Captain Benjamin D Cleveland

Fri

Oct 7 Lat 71.13 Long 170.05 West

This day begins with blowing a gale from the SE took in the light sails and upper topsails and got saw 2 whales that other ships were chasing several sails and ice in sight. Middle part blowing heavy. Latter part wind moderated made some sail working towards the ice. Watch broke out water and about 11 AM raised a whale lowered 3 boats but did not get him. Whole going quick to the SE.

Sat Oct 8

This day a good breeze from the NW working up among the ice several ships and ice in sight. Middle part wind to the NW laying aback. Latter part moderate breeze from the NW with a thick snow storm.

Sun Oct 9

This day moderate breeze from the NW and snowing laying aback. Middle part more ship and layed aback still snowing. Latter part quite a strong breeze with snow squalls. Spoke the steamer Belvidere.

Mon Oct 10

This day quite a strong breeze with snow squalls from the NW working up towards the ice spoke the bark Alice Knowles bound to San Francisco. Middle part still snowing. Latter part light breeze and still snowing. Sounded and got 10 fathoms of water spoke the bark John W. Thompson.

Tues Oct 11

Started from the Herald Isles for San Francisco. This day begins with wind light with snow squalls from the SE. Steaming off to the land with all sail set. Saw the steamer Belvidere and G. Freeman chasing whales up to midnight anchoring in the ice. Middle part about a calm and snowing. Latter part strong breeze with snow from the SE heading along by the wind to the land.