

1892 Journal of the Whaling Bark William Baylies

Wed Oct-12

This day strong breeze and rugged with snow from the S.E. heading along by the wind, nothing in sight. Middle part blowing strong lashing to under lower Top sails. Latter part still blowing heavy with snow squalls from the S.E.

Thurs Oct-13

This day blowing heavy with snow squalls from the S.E. took in the lower fore Top sail and the things out of the boats. Beats on the upper braces. Ship lashing to under lower main Top sail and fore and main stay sails nothing in sight. Middle part the same. Latter part still blowing heavy sounded and got 25 fathoms of water.

Fri Oct-14

This day still blowing heavy with snow squalls from the S.E. lashing to under lower main Top sail and main stay sail and fore the mast the sail nothing in sight. Middle part wind the same. Latter part wind moderated and made all sail still snowing.

Sat Oct-15

This day begins with a moderate breeze and foggy with snow from the S.E. heading along by the wind. One sail in sight of the middle part a calm and snowing. Latter part light breeze from the N.E. steering S.E. with all sail set still thick and snowing. Water broke out water.

Sun Oct-16

This day begins with a moderate breeze and still snowing from the N.W. steering S.E. Saw the Steamer Gen. Freeman and another vessel about 4 P.M. Saw the Gen. Freeman with boats down and soon after saw the whales. got our boats ready and lowered but did not get any. Came on dark the steamer got one quite a number of whales, came on board.

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and shortened sail and lashed aback middle part the same. Latter part made all sail and steered off S.E. wind from N.W. and thick and snowing. Sounding every hour.

Mon Oct-17

This day begins with a good breeze from the N.W. with a thick fog and snowing. Sounding every hour or so. Steering S.E. nothing in sight. Middle part wind lashed up took in the light sails still snowing. Latter part strong breeze from the N.W. still snowing and thick.

Tues Oct-18

This day blowing a gale from the N.W. and still snowing and thick. Steering S. by E took in some sail. Sounding every 2 hours. Nothing in sight. At sundown lashing to under lower Top sails and main sails. Middle part the same. Latter part wind moderated and we made all sail. Saw land on the west shore which we made out to be Cape George still snowing. One sail in sight.

Wed Oct-19

This day begins with very light breeze and snowing from the N.W. steering S.E. with all sail set. Middle part wind hauled to the E. Latter part strong breeze with snow from the S.E. took in the light sails and upper Top sails. About 9 A.M. raised land on the east shore sounded and got 7 fathoms of water. Made sail and kept off by N.W. for the Diomedes. Saw Cape Prince of Wales.

Thurs Oct-20

This day begins with strong breeze from the S.E. heading along by the wind in the straits to the Diomedes in sight and Cape Prince of Wales. About 8 P.M. we went through the straits from the Arctic Ocean into the Bering Sea between the Diomedes and East Cape.