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Monday Sept the 18th. Continued

Continues squally with a head sea the watch employed repairing fore topsail at 11 AM in Main Sail and jib. Lat by Obs 34.10 N Long by Calc 161.10 W

Tuesday Sept 19th

Squally weather heading to the North, nothing to do but eat fresh Pork and Mince and turn out Grumblings, repairing fore topsail. His Phillips still continues to be unwell out of Gallery and is progressing rapidly in art cooking. Sea Breeze and duffs flippers. Lat by Obs 32 15 N Long by Calc 160.14 W

Wednesday Sept 20th

Standing to the N.E. all day with a moderate breeze from the Eastward employed in repairing sails. Saw one solitary finback which put all hands in a great commotion, all thinking it to be a Spum Whale. Went aboard and after seeing him or her spout several times, went off ~~the~~ about our business, having other fish to fry. Lat by Obs 33.16 N Long by Calc 159.25 W

Wednesday Sept 21st

Beautiful weather heading to the N.E. but an old fore top sail set Bow Sprit rigging up tangles for a breeze. The old cook took his place in the Gallery to day. His Phillips having resigned. Bile Kimmick still on the Sick List thinks he gets a little better however. Antonio leg seems to be getting along nicely. Hope to see him on deck soon. James Berland should be gaining strength slowly in hopes to see him on deck in three weeks. Lat by Obs 34.27 N Long by Calc 158.16 West

Friday, Thursday Sept 22nd

Light airs from S. East heading E. & N. E. finbacks in sight to the Westward at 12 Minut the wind hauled

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to the Southward and set up fore topmast repping. Nathan March off duty with a sprained leg. His Kimmick still remains in the same state of Health. Lat by Obs 34.43 N Long by Calc 156.00 W

Saturday Sept 23rd

Wind from South and very fine weather all day. Steaming E. by S. under all sail. The Watch employed variously. Four hands off duty are. Nathan March, Bile Kimmick, Antonio Albers, and James Berland. Mr. Kinton off duty with a cold and a que in his face. The old Ship Billy seems almost as well as usual. Lat by Meridian Altitude 34.43 N Long by Calc 153.30 W

Sunday Sept 24th

Wind and weather the same as on the preceding day. Steaming E. by S. with a heavy swell from the North. All eyes out anxiously watching for the Spouters. A Whale a Whale my Kingdom for a Whale. Lat by Meridian Altitude 34.57 N Long by Calc 151.50 W

Monday Sept 25th

Light breezes from S. East heading to the E. & N. E. repaired the Main Sail and Main Top Sail. Bile Kimmick on duty once more. Hope to see the others up soon. Lat by Meridian Altitude 35.26 N Long by Calc 150.20 W

Tuesday Sept 26th

fine weather. I am kind of writing about fine weather it has got to be quite an old song. I hope to find something soon to make out a days work. Mr. Kinton says he begins to feel hungry for Whales. Thinks he can go into them about fifteen fathoms or chuck up to the Bow thwart, not particular about it any more. All seem say should the Bird be seen he is as good as winged. Unbent the foresail and repaired it the all the forenoon in a perfect calm, that is as good as one half of fair wind as Sailors say. Lat by Meridian Altitude 36.02 N Long by Calc 14.32 West