

Ship Wm Wirt of New Bedford Cruising

Monday Sept. 11th A.D. 1854

First part fine fresh breeze from S.E. and pleasant weather at 10.30 am lower 4 boats for whale without success saw the land on both sides and the Splendid to Seward no other ship in sight Middle and latter parts light light breezes from S.W. and overcast at 10.45 am the wind hauled to W.N.W. lower 2 boats for whale could not get on the watch employ in cleaning home 2 sails in sight and the land thus Ends this day
Cape Hornberg to S. of us No Obs

Tuesday Sept. 12th 1854

First part strong wind from the N.W. by W. and overcast weather the ship working to Seward shorten sail to S.R. topsails at 4.30 am the sails to N.W. saw 8 sails and 2 whales Middle and latter parts a moderate gale from N.W. by W. and clear weather the ship on both tacks saw 6 ships and the land to E.N.E. thus Ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 54.00
Long by Chron. 139.02 E.

Wednesday Sept. 13th 1854

First part a brisk gale from N.W. and clear weather steering by the wind to N.N.E. at 4.30 pm passed Cape Maria to E. at 7.30 am were to Seward the wind N.W. by W. Cape Elizabeth bears E.ward from us 12 miles dist. Middle and latter part wind moderates to a light breeze from Seward with pleasant weather the ship on both Cape Elizabeth to E.N.E. wind 8 or 10 miles dist. saw 2 sails and quite a number of whale lower twice without success so Ends this day
No Obs.

Thursday Sept. 14th 1854

First part light breezes from N.W. by W. and pleasant weather lower 3 boats the Lar. boat Stouck and after a long run killed the whale got along side at 6.30 am open fire and after some delay's finished at 11.30 am Middle and latter parts gentle air from Seward and pleasant weather at 12 o'clock started the watch to boil at 7.30 am lower 4 boats for Bowheads without success saw plenty Capt. Maria bear E.ward 12 miles dist thus Ends this day 2 sails in sight

Friday Sept. 15th 1854

First part light breezes from S.E. and overcast weather heading to N.W.ward saw some whale did not lower 4 watch employ in boiling saw Cape Maria bearing E. by N. Middle and latter parts a fresh breeze from N.W. and pleasant weather saw Cape Maria to E.ward about 20 miles saw Devilfish Lat. by Obs. 54.20

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Saturday Sept. 16th 1854

First part a strong wind from North and dark overcast weather at 4.30 pm took to N.W. by W. saw devilfish and 4 sail and Cape Elizabeth to E.N.E. employ in boiling Middle and latter commenced blowing from Seward the ship under close reefed main topsail and foresail at 7.30 am stopped boiling and got 7 casks of oil off deck no land in sight thick rainy weather the ship on both tacks so Ends this day

Sunday Sept. 17th 1854

First part of these 24 hours a heavy gale from N.W. with thick rainy weather the ship carrying a close reefed main topsail and reefed foresail all she will bear Middle and latter parts the gale moderates a very little set 3 close reefed topsails reefed fore sail and main spencer burst the fore spencer and fore topsail stay sail bent a new one at 4.30 am wore ship to E.N.E. and saw the land to S.W.ward Perostown 3/4 of a mile dist rather close shore set the whole foresail and main sail thus Ends a dark day

Monday Sept. 18th 1854

First part a strong gale from N.W. and overcast weather the ship working out of the gulf under close reefed topsails courses and spencers the ship working well Middle part the wind moderates and the weather clears up the ship on both tacks latter parts a fresh breeze from N.W. with pleasant weather the ship under S.R. topsails and courses working out of the gulf Cape Maria to N.E. ward at 7.30 am all hands began stowing down saw 4 sail and some devilfish thus Ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 53.55

Tuesday Sept. 19th 1854

First part a fresh wind from Seward and pleasant ships on different tacks saw the land to E.ward and 4 sails employed in stowing oil in the after hold Middle and latter parts light breezes from N.W.ward and pleasant steering N.E. for Cape Odessa saw Cape Elizabeth to S.W. plenty of devilfish the watch employ in ships duties thus Ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 55.00
Long by Chron. —

Wednesday Sept. 20th 1854

First part light air from S.W. steering N.E. by E. all sail out the watch employ in ships work saw devilfish Middle and latter parts light breezes from W. and fine weather steering N.E. by E. saw nothing thus Ends this day Lat. by Obs. 55.35