

Journal of a Whaling Voyage kept on board

Saturday September 17th 1842

Light winds from the ENE steering by the wind at 9 A.M. saw a brace and ran for it but saw it no more. Saw a Finback, broke out for water.

Sunday September 18

Light winds from the Eastward steering by the wind nothing in sight Lat 00° 05' S' Long 166° 18'

Monday September 19

Moderate breezes from the ENE steering by the wind on both tacks Lat 00° 14' S' Long 166° 45'

Tuesday September 20

Light breezes from the Eastward steering by the wind until 6 A.M. when we kept her off WSW at sunset kept to the wind Lat 00° 14' S' Long 167° 50'

Wednesday September 21

Light winds from the ENE steering by the wind until 6 A.M. when we kept her off West until sunset when we headed by the wind. Saw Grampuses Lat by Obs 00° 13' S' Long 163° 40' East 30 fms.

Thursday September 22

Light winds and calms at 7 A.M. raised Sperm Whales and put off all 4 boats for them. The West and Bow boats got one each at 4 P.M. took them along side at 7 got them out in Lat 00° 00' 163° 03'

Whip. Sharon Capt Harris, Cruising on the Line

Friday September 23rd 1842

A calm, called all hands at daylight and started the Tryworks. Saw Grampuses Lat by Obs 00° 15' North Long 162° 27' East 30 fms.

Saturday September 24

Light breezes from the Westward steering ENE. Finised trying out saw Grampuses Lat 00° 15' S' Long 162° 27'

Sunday September 25

Light winds from the Southward steering NNE until 6 A.M. when we raised Sperm Whales and put off all 4 boats after them. The Starboard boat fastened and drew the West fastened and the Starboard boat got one and took him along side. At noon at 3 1/2 P.M. got him out.

Monday September 26

Light winds from the Eastward steering by the wind to the Northward at daylight commenced trying out at 7 P.M. got him backed out Lat by Obs 00° 00' Long

Tuesday September 27

Light winds from the Eastward steering by the wind to the Northward saw Finbacks & C Lat by Obs 00° 38' North Long 161° 36' East 30 fms.

Wednesday September 28

Light winds from the Westward steering by ENE under all sail employed in fitting the rigging