

Private Journal of a Voyage in Whale Ship.

Tuesday
July 15th 1881 } Commences with fresh variable winds
with thick foggy weather ship commences
in sight. Middle and Latter parts light breeze
the Land and Ice in sight at 10 AM. Lowered
for two Polar Whales. Lat 64° 42' N
Long 177° 19' W

Wednesday
July 16th } Commences with light breezes from the
S. at 1 PM the West Boat struck and
saw a Polar Whale at 4 took him
along side and commenced cutting
at 11 finished cutting with thick foggy
weather. Middle and Latter parts the same
plenty of Hump Backs in sight. Lat 64° 30'
Long 177° 05'

Thursday
July 17th } Commences with light breezes from
the S.E. heading S.W. with thick weather.
spoke with Bark Russell of San Francisco
Middle and Latter parts fresh gales
with rainy weather at 9 AM. started the
Works. Ice in sight. no Observations.

Friday
July 18th } Commences with strong gales from
the S.E. with rainy weather at 4 PM
hooked down the Works. middle part
the same Latter part more moderate
started the Works again spoke with
ship Mount Vernon. two Whales
this season plenty of Ice in sight.
No Observations.

1881
Saturday
July 19th } Commences with fresh breezes from the S.E.
with rainy weather. employed in Boiling
plenty of Hump Backs in sight. Middle and
Latter parts the same the Land and Ice
in sight. Lat 64° 42' N
Long 176° 45' W

Sunday
July 20th } Commences with fine breezes from the
S.W. beating up along the Ice. the Land
in sight spoke with ship Gladiator. at 4
PM. finished Boiling. Middle and Latter
parts light air and calms plenty of Hump
Backs in sight. Lat 64° 40' N
Long 176° 26' W

Monday
July 21st } Commences with light air from the S.W.
steering E. the Land and Ice in sight.
Lowered for Hump Backs without success.
Middle part the same Latter part light breezes
from the E. with foggy weather employed in
stowing down. Lat by act 64° 45'
Long " " 176° 00'

Tuesday
July 22nd } Commences with fine breezes from the E.
several sails and the Land in sight.
the ship heading on different tracks. Middle
part thick fog. Latter part fresh breezes spoke
with ships Columbia and Mount Vernon.
Lat by act 64° 40'
Long " " 175° 00' W

Wednesday
July 23rd } Commences with fine breezes from the S.E.
heading S.W. the Land in sight with heavy
weather. Middle and Latter parts light air
(calms (and dull prospects around us)
Lat by act 64° 30'
Long " " 175° 26'