

Private Journal of a voyage in Whale Ship Abraham;

Saturday 1834

August 30th } Commenced with light and variable winds. employed in Bailing & sail in sight. Middle and latter parts fresh gales from the N.W. at 8 AM took down, a red found one of the pots. Brooke, employed in stowing down. No Observations.

Sunday

August 31st } Commenced with fresh gales from the N.W. at 5 P.M. finished stowing down. Middle and latter parts the same. Lowered for Whales without success, one sail in sight. No Observations.

Monday 1834

September 1st } Commenced with fresh gales from the N.W. plenty of Whales in sight. Middle part the same. Latter part more moderate. Lowered for Whales without success, set another pot. Log 67.00
Long 168.50

Tuesday

Sept 2nd } Commenced with moderate breezes from the N.W. plenty of Whales in sight. at 3 P.M. the Bow Boat struck a Polar Whale and Dressed. at 4 the Waist Boat struck, and took the Line. Middle part Rainy weather. Latter part fine weather. at 6 AM the Waist Boat struck and saved a Polar Whale at 8 took him alongside and commenced cutting one sail in sight. No Observations.

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Wednesday 1834

September 3rd } Commenced with moderate breezes from the S.W. at 3 P.M. finished cutting 2 sail in sight saw several Whales going quick at 5 PM started the Whales. Middle and latter parts strong breezes spoke with Franklin. 5 Whales lowered for Whales without success. No Observations.

Thursday
Sept 4th }

Commenced with strong breezes from the N.W. employed in Bailing. Middle part Rainy. Latter part more moderate & sail in sight. at 8 AM the Foreboard Boat struck a Polar Whale. the Line got jerked and cut from him. Log 67.00
Long 168.50

Friday
Sept 5th }

Commenced with moderate breezes from the N.W. at 5 P.M. the Bow Boat struck and saved a Polar Whale. at 7 took him along side and commenced cutting. finished Bailing & sail in sight. Middle and latter parts light air. at 5 AM. Hooked on the Whale. and finished cutting. Log 68.00
Long 168.50

Saturday
Sept 6th }

Commenced with strong breezes from the N.W. employed in Bailing and stowing down. & sail in sight. Middle and latter parts. light breezes from the N.W. with snow squalls. Lowered for Whales without success. Log 68.50