

Private Journal of a Voyage in Whale Ship

Monday Sept 7th

Commenced with calm weather & employed in Boiling two sail in sight. Picked up a Bundle of Shocks, and a Cask of Shocks Heads, Middle and Latter parts finished Boiling. Lat 69.20 Long none

Tuesday Sept 8th

Commenced with fresh breezes from the S.W. employed in Storing down and scraping Bone three sail in sight. Middle and Latter parts the same. Lat 69.20 Long none

Wednesday Sept 9th

Commenced with fresh breezes from the S.W. plenty of Whales in sight. 3 sail in sight. Middle and Latter parts the same. Lowered for Whales without success. Lat 69.20 Long none

Thursday Sept 10th

Commenced with moderate breezes from the S.W. 3 sail in sight at 2 P.M. the Foreboard Boat struck and saved a Polar Whale. at 4 took him along side and commenced cutting at 9 finished. Middle part the same. Latter part fresh gales commenced Boiling. Lat 69.20 Long 169.00



Abraham Barker in The Arctic Ocean Cruising for Whales

Thursday Sept 11th

Commenced with fresh gales from the S.W. heading on different Boats employed in Boiling 4 sail in sight. Middle and Latter parts light air and calm. Lat 69.29 Long none

Friday Sept 12th

Commenced with moderate breezes from the S.W. employed in Boiling 4 sail in sight. Lowered for Whales without success saw ahead Whale. Middle and Latter parts rain weather. Finished Boiling. No Observations.

Saturday Sept 13th

Commenced with strong gales from the S.W. employed in storing down plenty of Whales in sight. Middle part the same. Latter part. More moderate, at 8 A.M. the Starboard Boat struck and saved a Polar Whale. at 10 took him alongside and commenced cutting. Lat 69.18

Sunday Sept 14th

Commenced with fresh gales from the S.W. at 6 P.M. finished cutting and commenced Boiling. Middle part strong gales. Latter part more moderate with snow squalls employed in storing down. Plenty of Whales in sight. Lat 69.20

Monday Sept 15th

Commenced with moderate gales from the S.W. employed in Boiling. Plenty of Whales in sight. Middle part the same. Latter part fine weather at 10 A.M. the Waist Boat struck a Polar Whale and lost him. Lat by Det. 69.10

