

The Ship's Diaries of the London 1838

Monday
May 29
1838

Began this day with strong breeze from the S.W. and pleasant the middle third rain rather hot light of the Stomington took in the fore ground. Hopsals and double masts the main the latter part heavy gales from the S.W. and squally. To End of the day Lat 37-40 Long 25-40

Tuesday
May 30

The first part of this twenty four hours begins with heavy gales from the S.W. and squally the middle more moderate at 5 o'clock made landmist in S.W. bearing S.W. by S. Distances for miles the latter the same as the former to End of the day

Wednesday
May 31

Commenced this day with strong breeze from the S.W. and clear. Spoke the Barbadoes Newfoundland. Lost two boats and pulled in shore saw no other the middle part light but attended with light squall of rain the latter part light and clear three o'clock and pulled in shore lost three whales struck and one and took her along side to End

Thursday
June 1

Began this day with light breeze and squally the wind at 4 o'clock commenced cutting the S.W. and finished at half past 3 more this angle. Then for the land the middle part strong breeze and squally at 6 o'clock started the work the latter part heavy gales from the S.W. and the squally weather continued till the main topsails and fore the fore falls split the fore top small of sails employed in working to End Lat 37-28

Friday
June 2

Commenced this day with strong breeze from S.W. and squally the middle part light the latter part fresh breeze and clear the oil down the after hatch at Double drift 1 o'clock To End of the day Lat 38-52

Saturday
June 3

Began this day with fresh breeze and squally the S.W. with heavy rolling swell on the main part more moderate took ship and stood to the Southward the same as the former To End Lat 37-38 Long 28-30

Monday
June 4
1838

Expanding fresh breeze at Amsterdam M 1838. Expanding fresh breeze from the S.W. and clear. Spoke the Stomington in sight the middle more moderate the ship out the replaced and set the main to the latter part thick haze with islands the way Lat 37-12 Long 25-40

Tuesday
June 5

Began this day with thick haze the wind S.W. and squally. In P.M. saw a whale called it a bright whale but did not see him any more the middle light breeze and clear with a heavy rolling swell on the latter part heavy gales from the S.W. To End

Wednesday
June 6

Commenced this day with heavy gales from the S.W. and squally lost the new boat the middle more moderate the latter part fresh breeze toward the boat and pulled in shore saw a number of whales but did not get the Stomington got one the Philites struck and cut from him the middle strong breeze and squally

Thursday
June 7

Began this day with strong breeze and squally the wind S.W. the middle part the same the latter part heavy gales from the S.W. three ships in sight To End Lat 38-20 Long 27-23

Friday
June 8

Commenced this with heavy gales from the S.W. and thick haze with fresh breeze toward the main. High sails and clear about the main the middle moderate the wind S.W. saw one bright whale the land in sight the latter part moderate in for the land heard the boat and pulled in shore saw three whales the Palladium got one three ships in sight To End of the day

Saturday
June 9

Began this day with pleasant breeze from the S.W. and pleasant the middle part fresh breeze and squally the latter part heavy gales three ships in sight To End

Sunday
June 10

Commenced this day with strong breeze from the S.W. and thick haze with fresh breeze toward the main the latter part moderate