

Journal of a Whaling Voyage
in the Brigg Hopeston

Tuesday May 20th 1862 This day fresh breezes from the S.W. at 8 A.M. got underway in company with the schooner Emerald. at 6 P.M. came to an anchor under cutting-thunk.

Wednesday May 21st first part of this day light air from the S.E. heading S.W. at 4 A.M. got underway at 9 P.M. could just see the Good B. Island bearing W 15 Miles, fresh breezes and foggy. Saw Black fish. the Mate of duty Sick.

Thursday May 22nd This day fresh breezes and foggy from the S.W. at 2 A.M. tack ship stand on the Wind heading S.E. and S.E. by E. saw a large standing to the S.E. lowered for Blackfish. the Mate of duty Sick.

Friday May 23rd This day moderate breezes from the S.W. standing to the Northward and Westward on one tack and the Southward on the other. lowered for Blackfish. got one Porpoise. the Mate of duty.

Saturday May 24th This day fresh breezes from the S.W. later part squally with Rain at 12 A.M. struck the stream and at 6 P.M. were through it. the Mate Sick of duty. Steering S.W.

Sunday May 25th This day some Rain and smoke, from the N.E. steering to the S.W.

Monday May 26th first part of this day fine breezes and pleasant later part cloudy, fresh with Rain from the S.E. heading to the S.W. the Mate and duty most of the day.

Benjamin B. Handy Master May 1862

Tuesday May 27th This day squally and Raining hard from the S.W. heading to the Southward and Eastward under short sail.

Wednesday May 28th This day light breezes from the N.E. heading to the S.E. nothing in sight.

Thursday May 29th Lat 32.32 Long 71.31 W This day light breezes from the S.W. heading S.E. saw a Whaliship standing to the Westward, the water very thick with thimbles caught 6 dolphins.

Friday May 30th Lat 30.02 Long 70.52 W all of this day fine breezes from the Southward heading to the S.E. by E. the things two sails in sight and steering to the

Saturday May 31st Lat 31.45 N Long 69.41 W This day light breezes from the Southward standing on the Wind heading S.E. two sails in sight all hands employed in ship duty.

Sunday June 1st 1862 Lat N Long W first and middle part of this day light breezes from the Southward heading to the S.E. at 2 P.M. saw a shark. at 6 P.M. tack ship heading to the S.W. no observations.

Monday June 2nd Lat 31.36 N Long 66.09 W This day fresh breezes from the S.W. standing on the Wind heading to the S.E.