

Barge Fortune of New Bedford Capt Davis

Remarks for Tuesday June 28th

Commenced with calm and thick fog with heavy swell laying
At anchor Starboard anchor ahead Land hauled 8 o'clock 2
Miles Several other ships at anchor near us Middle part
Much the same thick fog latter part cleared up toward West
Boat and went in shore to look for whales 10 am saw whales toward
2 boats more without success 12 am boats came aboard in order
Much the same light air from West

Remarks for Wednesday June 29th

Commenced with light air from West shore up anchor and
Got underway 2 pm calm and clear 7 ships in sight
Middle part much the same latter part raining 10 am saw
Whales toward 3 boats without success light air from West
General much the same much of day rich

Remarks for Thursday June 30th

Commenced with calm and clear weather no whales in
sight 6 pm thick fog and calm land in sight
Middle part much the same latter part clear saw whales
Toward 4 boats without success 2 ships in sight
General getting better calm

Remarks for Friday July 1st

Commenced with calm 10 pm came to and let go Starboard
Anchor in 80 fathoms water 4 boats chasing whales
Starboard and West boats struck West boat lost
The line land boat part of the line whale run
Into the ice and they had to cut could not hold on
Middle part foggy latter part thick fog
General whales within hearing but none in sight
Boat and better field getting better back on duty

Remarks for Saturday July 2nd

Commenced with light breeze from the N and East
Lying at anchor thick fog 5 pm clear saw some
Whales going upish Middle part much the same latter
part thick fog 7 am clear and got underway and stood
Up the bay with light breeze from the West
General much the same

Cruising in Vesta Sea AD 1853

Remarks for Sunday July 3rd

Commenced with light breeze from West arriving in the
Sound the ice saw 2 ships whaling 7 pm spoke Barge F. C. S.
Richards of New Bedford 3 whales this season Capt went
Aboard a short time Middle part much the same
Latter part saw whales toward 3 boats without success
Plenty of whales but wild in water getting better

Remarks for Monday July 4th

Commenced with calm and thick fog 3 pm cleared up
Saw whales toward 4 boats Starboard boat struck 2
One drowned and the other the line parted Starboard
Boat struck one whale run into the ice and had to
cut got the boat stone with the ice 8 pm came aboard
Middle part thick fog and calm ship drifted into
The heavy ice latter part cleared up ship in amongst
Heavy ice and calm obstructing with the ice in clear water
Within 3 or 4 miles in water getting better Starboard
Repairing the land boat

Remarks for Tuesday July 5th

Commenced with calm and clear weather ship & all
In the ice watch employed getting her out 4 pm got
Out into clear water with light breeze from N.W. 8
6 pm saw whales toward 4 boats Starboard boat
Struck whale run into the ice and had to cut and some
Aboard Middle part much the same latter part saw
Whales toward 4 boats 11 am Starboard boat struck
and killed him in water getting better light breeze from West

Remarks for Wednesday July 6th

Commenced with light breeze from N.W. 2 boats towing the
Whale out of the ice 4 pm got him alongside got dinner
And commenced cutting 10 pm finished cutting the whale
And Peter had some wounds and a few others while cutting in
Middle part clearing up clouds latter part calm saw
Some whales in the ice did not leave 11 am saw one out of
The ice toward Starboard boat without success
Buttressed on duty back getting better commenced
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