

Remarks on board Ship Hibernia of New Bedford

Sunday May 28th Commences with pleasant weather and light breeze from the S W ship heading to the N on the wind nothing seen at 10 AM and saw something that they thought was a whale called all hands and got the Boats all ready but it proved to be nothing set the Boats on the cranes again then hauled up the courses and took in the topgallant sails and hauled back the mainyard and let her lay it being about 8 AM latter part pleasant with a strong breeze saw plenty of ice but no whales Lat 57° 33' N

Monday May 29th Commences with pleasant weather and a strong breeze from the N S W saw no ice at 2 AM saw a whale supposed to be a Bowhead but the three Larboard Boats but saw no more of him came on board and hoisted up the Boats after supper made four watches the Officer heading the watches at 1/2 past 7 AM saw another whale saw him turn flukes then saw him once more then lost the run of him being so rugged that we could not see him any distance latter part pleasant with a strong breeze from the Westward at 10 PM saw a Bowhead but he saw the Ship and we saw him no more Lat 57° 51' N

Tuesday May 30th Commences with pleasant weather and a fine breeze at 7 AM made all sail but nowhere latter part pleasant with a strong breeze from the N S W at 10 AM raised a Bowhead lowered but without success saw him again but lost the run of him Lat 58° 01' Long

Wednesday May 31st Commences with pleasant weather and a strong breeze at 3 AM saw a whale lowered and chased but did not get fast the slings of the fore yard gave way latter part pleasant with light air and cal at 10 AM saw several whales chased without success Lat 58° 04' Long 144° 02' 30

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Thurs Mr Homywell Master cruising in the Chobok Sea in the Sea

Tuesday June 1st Commences with pleasant weather and light air all Boats chasing Bowhead till 3 AM then came on board without success saw two more to the windward 7 or 8 miles off latter part pleasant with a fine breeze saw plenty of whales lowered once without success came on board and got breakfast after breakfast lowered again at 10 PM Larboard Boat struck and the whale sounded out one line and the other was cut under the top flake so we lost him and one line saw plenty of ships

Wednesday June 2nd Commences with pleasant weather and a strong breeze ship beating up after the whale but lost the run of him at 5 AM lowered two Boats without success latter part rainy thick weather saw whales to the windward lowered without success

Thursday June 3rd Commences with a strong breeze ship under short sail saw one whale going quick to the windward latter part pleasant with a light breeze at 1/2 past 5 PM called all hands and lowered for a whale but without success at 11 PM saw two more lowered again without success came on board the Capt then took the Starboard Boat and pulled to the windward and came aboard with the same success that we had the Land in sight

Friday June 4th Pleasant with a fine breeze saw several sail spoke the Ship Almyra of Otown two whales this season also spoke the Barge Cossack yesterday she had two whales this season latter part pleasant at 6 AM saw a whale heading to the westward lowered and chased without success steered after him till noon then he headed in for the Land Lat 56° 57' N