

July 9th 1855

These 24 hours pleasant and light
E winds Carried all sail and made 2
tacks The 2 Schooners in sight Lat 31° 15'
Lon. 5-1° 26'

July 10.

No change in wind Weather thick
Cloudy Saw a Sch. and spoke at 1
P.M. the Bark Mary Ann Capt. Meacombe
from New Bedford 26. Put 5:00 P.M. we
are now gaming. No obs.

July 11.

Slight changes in wind and weather
Raised a school of small whales this morning
going to windward, "yes out" of course and
soon after saw boats chasing them from
a vessel on our weather bow. The fish
were just on our bow and we braced up
and tried to get near enough to lower but
the whales being then galled soon distanced
us and in half an hour were out of sight
mean time the strange sail eluded down
2 sails having the appearance of taking a
whale alongside. Though the boats had been
so far off could not see them strike. It must
have been a small fish however for she soon
made sail again and stood along on the
same tack with us. Two other sails
have also been in sight near together we
run down they being to leeward and had

a three handed gam which is not yet
saded. One is the Mary Ann whose Capt
has his wife and the other proved to be the
Oriztaft Capt. Cornell New Bedford 8 mus
out 1:00 P.M. The Commodore of the fleet
is the Mary Ann as the Skippers are all
on board of her no doubt having a sociable
time. A boat is about leaving for the Oriztaft
and I believe I will go on board see if there
is any news there is none among our
visitors Lat 31° 13' Lon.

July 12.

No important change gained
last night till 12 but got no news from
home and vicinity. The 2 sails are still
in sight a long way off Lat 31° 38'
Lon. 5-0° 24'.

July 13.

Rains and winds light and shifting
Saw the Mary Ann this morning out
of sight afternoon. No obs.

July 14.

Rain continues with wind change
to S. E. Carried topsails. Staring E. N. E.
No obs.

July 15. Sunday.

This morning the weather was more
promising. But afternoon set in raining again.