

Ship Daniel Wood in Ochotk Sea 1853. Cruising.

July The Glorious Fourth.

Tuesday 5 Commences with light E. winds and thick
58.58 foggy weather. Steering by to S.E. A.M. fresh winds
ward and clear weather from N. under double reefed topsails.

Wednesday 6 Commences with fresh breeze and pleasant weather
58.24 from N. steering by to E. Land in sight but weather goes
15.5.20 low in Backs and Hump Backs. 8 P.M. made sail.
A.M. thick and rainy 3 took in light sails, double reef

Thursday 7 commences with thick and rainy weather from
N. steering by for diff tacks under double reefs
15.5.24 3 furlled top & main sail. A.M. raised a ship on
windward boiling, beating to windward.

Friday 8 commences with fine N. winds to windward.
15.5.24 3 sails in sight 2 boiling. 5 P.M. raised a
B.O.H.C. A.D. lowered but did not strike.
Foggy. 7 A.M. spoke the Huntsville Smith of Cold Spring
1000 blb in 6 days. Employed in fitting boats for line.
2 more shut in all 375 fath. 5 sails in sight.

Sat 9 Fine clear weather and light S winds. 2 P.M. lowered
four boats. chased till 7. but did not strike
whales wild. Land bearing N. by S. 3 ships whaling.
9 P.M. lowered away again. W. the Bow Boat
got one. 11 got him alongside. 4 A.M. began to cut.

Sunday 10. cutting 4 P.M. finished cutting and began
to sail. clearing away head &c &c.

Monday 11 Thick foggy weather. Boiling &c &c.

Tues 12 calm and foggy weather 6 sails in sight. Boiling
A.M. fine winds from S.W. double reef & fore sail.

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Wednesday 13 Employed setting up old shooks &c &c. 7 A.M. fine
boiling 150 blb. 6 A.M. commenced breaking out Steam
Watches. Starboard side and stowing oil. 5 sails whaling.

Thursday 14. 7 P.M. finished stowing 140 blb. & lowered 3 boats
but did not strike. 9 spoke the Empire. Wenz. of
New Bedford 1300 this season. Standing in to the land.

Friday 15 Strong from E. S. E. Rainy and thick. A.M. clear
7 stood in and came to an anchor in 12 Fathoms
of water 3 miles from land, with the Empire. Sent
3 boats in shore but did not see anything.

Saturday 16 Spring at anchor. Boats cruising. saw whales, but
could not get on. 3

Sun 17 Fine clear weather from S.W. 3 P.M. the Sheffield
Ras of Cold Spring came to anchor with us. 17
whales this season. Was taken upwards of 7000 blb
in 4 seasons. A.M. 3 left the ship and worked along
shore with the boats to S. about 40 miles.

Monday 18. 4 P.M. started home, but strong wind from
N. and tide heading us, ran into a small river
and hauled up the boats. Made a fire, pitched
a tent &c and made ourselves at home, but
moses, mosos, the mosquitos blast their proboscis
nearly eat us up. A.M. daylight moderated, so we
made a start for home. Saw a ship standing in.
The Co. for her boats. after a hard drag we reached the
ship at 11 o'clock, with enough of 13 day whaling. Blast it.
got the ship under weigh it being calm anchor and again.
Spoke the Mit. Co. No. 11 mos out 500 Sp 3 Whales