

Remarks on board the Bark Mission of New Bedford

Tuesday June 24th 1856
These 24 hours begins with fresh breezes from the S.W. & pleasant ship heading S.E. at day light made sail & started off S.E. at 8 A.M. Work in the flying jib & gaff top sail, one sail in sight. Middle part fresh breezes at 12 P.M. saw hump backs at 1 P.M. toward the 2 in the water. Boat that did not strike 1 P.M. came on board. Bowed forward heading by the wind S.E. at sun down shorten sail ship heading S.E. Latter part much the same as in the day. Lat by Obs 6, 12 Long by Chron 12, 05

Wednesday June 25th
These 24 hours begins with fresh breezes from the South & pleasant ship heading E.S.E. at day light ship & made sail heading W.S.W. two sail in sight. Middle part fresh breezes at 2 P.M. started off N.W. at 4 P.M. luffed by the wind at sun down shorten sail & were ship heading E.S.E. Latter part light breezes ship heading to the Eastward. Lat by Obs 6, 18 Long by Chron 10, 08

Thursday June 26th
These 24 hours begins with light breeze from the South & pleasant at day light set all sail one sail in sight. Middle part much the same 12 P.M. started off N.E. at 2 P.M. luffed by the wind at 4 P.M. spoke the George & Mary Capt. Devel of Westport. At sun down shorten sail at 10 P.M. finished gaming & were ship heading to the Southward & Eastward so in the day. Lat by Obs 6, 25 Long by Chron 10, 31

New Bedford Alfred C. Davis Master 1856

Friday June 27th 1856
These 24 hours begins with light & pleasant breezes from the South & fine weather, at day light set sail & started off N.W. one sail in sight. Middle part much employed in mending the sparker at 12 P.M. bent it again at 1 P.M. was employed in breaking and for water at sun down shorten sail & luffed by the wind on the Labrador Jack ship heading W.S.W. 3 sails in sight. Latter part light breezes. Lat by Obs 6, 22 Long by Chron 10, 26

Saturday June 28th
These 24 hours begins with light breezes from the S.W. ship heading W. at day light were ship and the Cathleen looking 3 sails in sight at 8 A.M. saw the Cathleen Boat chasing a sperm whale toward the Boat & pulled off to the seaward but did not see any thing at 2 P.M. came on board & steered off N.W. at 4 P.M. spoke & gave the Bark Osceola & Capt. Thomas of New Bedford 300 Whales 200 up 25 months old at sun down shorten sail and luffed by the wind heading W.S.W. Latter part light air at 9 P.M. finished gaming. Latter part much the same. Lat by Obs 6, 13 Long by Chron 10, 28

Sunday June 29th
These 24 hours begins with light & buffing breezes from the S.W. & pleasant at day light set all sail 3 sails in sight. Middle part pleasant at 12 M. were ship heading from S.W. of to South. Latter part at 6 P.M. gained with the Osceola George & Mary Cathleen & the Div. Excellent baling a small whale & 12 M. finished gaming were ship & made all sail in sight. Latter part much the same as in the day. Lat by Obs 6, 12 Long by Chron 10, 28