

Ship Martha: Log Book On A Whaling Voyage

Remarks. On Wednesday 24th May 1837
 heavy rain with fresh breeze from the North East
 by the wind to the NW at 4 P.M. lost sight of the land
 at 7 do parted fore & main at 8 do parted fore sail
 middle part severe gale from the North at 6 do
 the wind hauled suddenly to the West in a squall. Wrote
 Ship to the NE at 9 do sent a ship to seaward bearing N.E.

Thursday 25th May 1837
 Moderate breeze from the NW. Lost a cow, heavy swell from
 the north. Minnie part the same at 12 P.M. water ship
 to the Westward at 3 do were hauled to the NE at 2 do run off
 the NE at 12 midnight. Lat 38.45 Long 77.20 E

Friday 26th May 1837
 commenced with fine breeze from the NW. Run off
 6.30 by compass at 2 P.M. made the Island of St. Pauls Rounding
 East. True East at 4 P.M. was in view the NE part of the Island
 saw three ships and a number of Whales hauled off to the
 North of the wind at 11 P.M. were ship and three in for the land
 at 5.30 lowered two boats and pulled in to the Island saw three
 Whales which other boats had seen. Chained set by with fresh
 breeze from the North 3 ships in sight

38.50 S 77.40 E

Saturday 27th May 1837
 commenced with fresh breeze and squalls from
 the North at 2 P.M. came on land, stood off from at 4 P.M. part
 Whaling ship & made in for the Island. Middle part freshening
 at 7 P.M. came on to blow heavy from the Westward and heavy
 squalls parted fore and main at 8 P.M. lost sight of the land
 at 9 do were obliged to part fore sail as they lay too heavy to the
 Southward. Cut up and down. Made East. Mizen set at 11
 at 12 midnight Island bore W by N by compass 14 miles. Ship
 Martha in sight off her beam lying too - 39.00 S

Sunday 28th May 1837
 Strong gales from the South lying to head to the
 South West S.W. at 12 midnight were ship to the NE. Set fore sail
 at 1 P.M. at 2 P.M. parted fore sail latter part strong gale to East
 parted fore & main at 3 P.M. saw three ships. Ship Martha in sight
 off her beam at 4 P.M. Lat 38.37 Long 77.50 E

Monday 29th May 1837
 Strong winds from the NW. at 1 P.M. parted fore sail
 made a small land Island bearing N.W. 20 miles. At
 1 P.M. lowered two boats and pulled in to the
 Island saw three Whales at 3 P.M. from 2.30 to 3.30
 in chase of them. Chained set by with fresh breeze
 a whole of ships in sight

38.50 S 77.35 E

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Remarks on Tuesday 30th May
 Fine breeze from the NW at 6 P.M. sent two boats
 on shore fastened to a whole and part
 so early with squally another wind from the
 NW.

Wednesday 31st May 1837
 at 1 P.M. went on shore killed a whale took
 head to the ship. Cut her in
 middle and later part strange gales from the North
 and squally. Parting off & on of the Island at 7 P.M.
 Carried fore sail came on to blow so heavy was
 obliged to put out the fore sail and with strong wind
 a number of ships in sight

38.45 S 78.00 E

Thursday 1st June 1837
 commenced with strong winds from the North. Ran off
 on of the NW part of the Island at 9 P.M. the wind hauled to the
 Westward and raised heavy but soon hauled back to the
 North. Made all sail & stood in for the land but it
 soon came on to blow a severe gale split the fore sail
 and lost it & bent another sail with heavy gale from
 the North the Island bearing N.E. a number of ships in
 sight

38.50 S 77.40 E

Friday 2nd June 1837
 Heavy gales from the North at 2 P.M. the wind
 hauled to the NW and blew very heavy. Ran ship to the
 North. Hauler under East reefed. Hauler up sail &
 runners at 4 P.M. the Island bore North by compass
 middle and later part heavy gale at 10 P.M. split main & part
 at 11 P.M. bent another sail with severe gale from NW &
 then entered bay low lying too head to the N.W.

39.00 S 77.50 E

Saturday 3rd June 1837
 Strong gales from the NW & NW lying too head to the
 North and NW with heavy squalls of hail. Middle part
 with rain moderate but lower sail & runners under
 Brailing at 2 do were ship to the south so early with
 strong gales and heavy squalls with a rough sea
 at 1 P.M. Lat 38.37 E

Sunday 4th June 1837
 Strong gale from the West by the air to the
 South under short sail at 1 P.M. finished sailing at 4.30
 were ship to the North so early with fresh breeze from
 the Westward and a heavy swell from the same side
 ship in sight the Island in sight bearing N.W. 20 miles
 set by Estimation

38.50 S 78.00 E