

May 1858

Ship Mary Ensign, cruising off Jones Island,

Thursday May 17th P. Sibley, at duty
first part smart breeze at N.W. middle part
moderate breeze from N.W. to N.E. at 4 P.M. backed
to the N. latter part fine breeze at N. & N.E.
staid by the wind to N.W. all sail set.
saw several ships, fat 55° 28' N.
long 145° 05' E.

Friday May 18th
first part smart breeze from S.E. to S. weather hazy
and overcast. Staid N.W. saw several ships.
at 7 P.M. saw Jones Island bearing N by W. dist
about 80 miles. Staid off N.W. at 11 P.M. fell
in with ice. here to till daylight.
latter part smart breeze from the S. and clear
crucible along the saw 4 ships. three of them
boiling. saw one bowhead going past to S.W.
among the ice. at noon Jones Island bearing
E by S. dist 25 miles, fat 56° 10' N.
long 143° 00' E.

Thursday May 14th

Saturday May 19th

P.M. smart breeze at S. and fair weather, first part
staid for Jones Island at 4 P.M. the island bearing
E by S. 8 miles. spoke a French ship. she had taken
two whales. middle part staid N.W. and N.E.
A.M. smart breeze at S.W. hazy. at daylight saw
whales. at 6 lowered got on to B. Boat, took him
to the ship at noon, fat by Act 57° 10' N.

Ship Mary Ensign, cruising in the C. Coast

Remarks on Board Sunday May 20th 1858
P.M. strong breeze from the Eastward very bad sea.
Parted Deluke chain, then put on two, at 4 P.M.
commenced cutting, at 10 got the head in and lashed
down for the night. A.M. more moderate, mostly thick
snow storm, finished cutting at 10, saw several
bowheads, also saw ice. set double reef topsails
staid by the wind to S.E. wind E.N.E.
opened B. & P. at 8, fat 57° 00' N.
long by Act 141° 30' E.

Monday May 21

P.M. strong breeze at N.E. thick snow storm
staid by the wind on different tacks under short
sail, employed Boiling. A.M. light air and
calm clear weather, saw plenty of Whales
killed one to B. Boat, found a dead white fish saw
his blubber, saw the land to N.W. dist about
30 miles, fat 57° 28' N.

Tuesday May 22nd

P.M. moderate breeze from S. to S.E. first part clear
saw several whales. struck to J. Boat and lost
the line, by its getting out of the chocks. middle and
latter part light air from S. to S.W. thick fog.
heading to S.E. maintop sail aback, employed Boiling.
fat by Act 57° 10' N.

Wednesday May 23rd

P.M. moderate breeze at S.W. at 2 the fog cleared
saw a few whales. lowered but did not strike.
at 2 A.M. finished Boiling. latter part fine breeze
from the Eastward, staid to N.W. saw a few
whales going past to S.W. into the ice.
A.M. employed stowing down all false side M. holds,
at noon land in sight to N.W. dist about 25 miles
fat 57° 10' N.