

1855

Ship Mary Trazier Cruising in arctic sea,

Remarks Thursday May 24th 1855

A.M. moderate breeze at N.E., mostly hazy weather,
steered different courses, finished stowing down
Whale made 128 lbs. 3 P.M. spoke ship D. Nye,
of N. Bedford & without on whale this season,
A.M. fresh breeze at N.E. thick foggy weather, steered
by the wind on different tacks, under short sail
no obs.

Friday May 25th

first part fresh breeze at N.E., thick foggy weather,
heading E.S.E. middle part moderate at S.E.,
steered N.E., latter part mostly foggy, found a dead
whale took him alongside at 8 and commenced
cutting, saw one ship, lat by lat 57° 15'

Saturday May 26th

all the 24 hours moderate breeze from S.W. to S.E.,
most part foggy, P.M. finished cutting and commenced
boiling, latter part fog cleared off, saw the
land to N.W. dist about 20 miles,
opened 1st reef & hark lat 57° 30' N

Sunday May 27th

A.M. moderate breeze at S.W., clear weather,
saw one Bowhead, going fast to S.W. found a
dead white fish, took off his blubber, steered by the
wind on different tacks. 8 P.M. finished boiling
A.M. wind from the Eastward thick foggy weather,
heading to the S. M.D. sail aback,
lat by lat 57° 00' N

Monday May 28th

A.M. moderate breeze at E., thick drizzly weather,
headed to S.E. Main topsail aback, A.M. strong breeze
at E. to N.E., thick snow storm, at 3 A.M. saw ice
to S.W. M.D. ship to the N. at 7 (bore to the S. at 8
went to the N. hauled & sail, lat by lat 58° 40' N

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Ship Mary Trazier, of N. Bedford

Remarks Tuesday May 29th 1855

first part of the 24 hours thick snow storm, wind E.S.E.
headed to S.E., middle part moderate, latter part
light air from N.E., mostly foggy, saw the ice to S.W.
also saw two ships, A.M. employed stowing down oil
of side M. hold, no obs.

Wednesday May 30th

A.M. thick foggy weather, wind N.E. to N, headed
E.S.E., most of the time main topsail aback, finished
stowing down oil, Whale made 80 lbs, latter part light
air from N.E. & S.W., clear weather, saw several ships
saw ice in all directions, saw three whales close
to the ice, did not lower the boats, land in sight to
N.E.W. dist 25 or 30 miles, fat 56° 50' N

Thursday May 31st

all the 24 hours light variable winds and calm,
most part fair weather, steered to the N.E.W.
P.M. spoke ship Alexander Barkley, of Bremen,
3 whales this season, A.M. found a dead white fish
boiled him out, saw a few whales, all going fast
did not lower, 12 ships in sight only one boiling
fat 57° 14' N

Friday May June 1st

A.M. moderate breeze from the Eastward most part clear
steered different courses, saw both whales lumme
two boats without success, the Montreal's boats
struck a whale and lost him in the ice,
field ice extending about 15 miles from land, in
a line with the coast, a space of clear water about
10 miles wide, and more ice to the Eastward,
A.M. strong breeze at N.E., cloudy and overcast,
cruised along the ice, saw one whale did not lower
opened a cask of bread, fat 57° 18' N