

1857 Ship Mary Dugan Bound to the North Sea

Thursday most part of the 24 hours moderate variable
 April 30 winds and calm, worked to N.W.
 opened a cask of slaps. Lat 32° 05' N
 Long 163° 50' E.

Friday all the 24 hours light airs from N.W. and
 May 1 N. and calm, with fine weather.
 + A.M. fell in with a Japan junk,
 one man on board alive, and three dead
 bodies stowed below covered up. Suppose they
 starved to death. the vessel was sound and
 appeared to be nearly new, tight and no water
 in her. the mast was cut away. they had
 probably encountered heavy gales and got
 drifted off. they had a small temporary mast
 up with a sail attached to it, but it had not
 been used, apparently for a considerable time.
 there was about one gallon of fresh water on board,
 and four fish which had lately been caught.
 that was all the man had to subsist on.
 the vessel was completely clogged around the
 the water edge with a sort of clam, and
 had been at sea probably several months.
 took the man on board, with all he had worth
 saving. several suits of clothes, tubs, kids &c.
 stripped the craft all we could for fire wood,
 and set fire to her.

Lat 32° 30' N
 Long 163° 40' E.

Saturday Moderate variable winds and fine weather
 May 2 worked to the N.W. Lat 32° 38' N
 Long 163° 20' E.

Sunday Moderate variable wind and fine weather
 3rd Steered by the wind on different tacks.
 Strong Easterly current Lat 33° 07' N
 Long 164° 44' E.

Monday most part moderate breezes from S. to S.W.
 4th Steered N.W. by N. Lat 34° 39' N
 Long 163° 58' E.

Tuesday first part fine breezes at S. Middle part
 5th Strong breezes, double reefed the topsails
 latter part wind S.W. thick and squally handed
 jib and mainsail Steered N.W.
 at noon wind hauled to the N. very rough sea
 heading N.N.W. Noobs lat by Act 36° 40' N
 Long 162° 44' E.

Wednesday most part smart breezes from N.W. to E.
 6th cloudy weather Steered N.W.
 Noobs lat by Act 37° 50' N

Thursday first and middle part
 7th Strong breezes at E. cloudy unsettled weather.
 Steered N.E. latter part moderate breezes from
 N.E. to N.W. at 11 A.M. tacked to the N.
 Lat 39° 34' N
 Long 158° 20' E.

Friday most part wind at N.W. latter part heading N.E.
 8th Lat 40° 06' N
 Long 157° 00' E.

Saturday mostly moderate breezes from N.W. N. and E.
 9th Steered to N.W. Lat by Act 40° 40' N
 Long 156° 00' E.

Sunday first part fine breezes at S.E. thick overcast
 10 Middle blowing very heavy with rain. close
 reefed the topsails wind S.E. latter moderated
 set whole topsails wind S. Steered N.W.
 Lat 42° 45' N
 Long 150° 00' E.