

Journal of the Ship Mary Fraser of

Friday May the 1

this day commences with strong breeze from N.W. to N. sundown moderate breeze from N.E. with rain. Mid and later parts moderate breeze from N. this ends the day
Lat 33 15 N Long 163 35 E Course N.W.

Saturday May the 2

this day commences with light breeze from N. Sundown the same opened the ship chest to sell to the crew mid part light breeze from the N. later part the sun at 10 o'clock P.M. discovered a wreck which looked like a junk. this ends the day
Lat 32 35 N Long 163 20 W Course N

Sunday May the 3

this day commences with light breezes from the N. at 1 o'clock P.M. went on board of the wreck which proved to be a Japan fishing junk. found one man on board & alive and two dead ones we took her alongside she had nothing in her the men seemed to have died from starvation we could understand a word that she seemed to say I should think that she had been adrift about 3 or 4 months at 4 P.M. commenced towing her to pieces for fire wood at 5 got through and burnt fire in her mid and later parts light breezes from N.W. this ends the day Lat 32 20 N Long 164 50 E Course

Monday May the 4

this day commences with light air and calm Sundown light breezes from the N. a strong current setting to the South. Mid and later parts light breezes from N. to W. this ends the day Lat 33 05 N Long 164 44 E Course N

Tuesday May the 5

this day commences with fine breeze from the W. Sundown the same Mid part light breeze from N.E. later part from S.E. this ends the day Lat 34 35 N Long 163 58 E Course N by N

Wednesday May the 6

this day commences with light breeze from S.E. Sundown from S. Mid and later parts strong breezes from S.W. with rain this ends the day
Supposed Lat 36 20 N Long 162 30 E Course S.W.

New Bedford Capt John Rounds

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Thursday May the 7

this day commences with strong breeze from N. Sundown from N.E. passed a Hamburg Bark bound to the eastward. Mid part moderate breeze from E. later part strong from S.E. this ends the day Lat 38 17 N Long 161 50 E Course N.W.

Friday May the 8

this day commences with strong breeze from S.E. Sundown from S.E. Mid part the same later part moderate from S. this ends the day Lat 38 32 N Long 157 20 E Course N.W.

Saturday May the 9

this day commences with strong breeze from N.W. Sundown the same the ship under close reefed topsails mid part moderate later part calm this ends the day Lat 40 00 N Long 157 15 E Course N.E. by N

Sunday May the 10

this day commences calm and light air from N.W. Sundown the same. Mid and later parts light from E. this ends the day Lat 41 40 N Long 158 30 E Course N.W.

Monday May the 11

this day commences with fine breeze from S.E. saw for back Sundown the same Mid part a smart gale from S.E. the ship running under close reefed topsails. later part more moderate from the S. this ends the day Lat 42 45 N Long 157 30 E Course N.W.

Tuesday May the 12

this day commences with a moderate gale from S.W. Sundown the same the ship laying to under close reefed topsails. Mid and later a heavy gale from S.W. to N.W. the ship laying to heading to the Northward this ends the day Lat 43 25 N Long

Wednesday May the 13

this day commences with a heavy gale from the N.W. at sundown a little more moderate. Mid part more moderate later light breezes from the N. this ends the day Lat 43 45 N Long 156 30 E Course N.W.

Thursday May the 14

this day commences with light breezes from N.E. Sundown from E. Mid and later parts strong breezes from S.E. this ends the day Lat 45 15 N Long 155 20 E Course N.W. by N