

Journal of the Ship Mary Fraser of

This day Friday July the 11

commences with calm sundown the same mid part
the same late light breezes from the S got under
weigh and started to the S & mended the Lar Boat
thus ends the day

This day July the 12

light breezes from S & saw Ice to the S sundown
the same 10 PM anchored the Ship later part got
under weigh thus ends the day

Sunday July the 13

This day commences with calm sent 3 Boats into
Mercury Bay saw nothing later the Ship anchored
of Mercury head thus ends the day

Monday July the 14

This day commences calm three Boat cruising for Whales
too Boat saw nothing the Bow Boat saw a number of
small Whales sundown came on board later part
went into the Ice saw a plenty of Whales did not
strike the Ice was too heavy shot one did not get
thus ends the day

Tuesday July the 15

the commences with fine weather heavy Ice plenty
of Whales later part the West Boat struck a Whale
and saved him took him along side the Lar
and Bow Boats cruising without success
thus ends the day

Wednesday July the 16

this day three Boats in the Ice cruising
later part the Lar Boat struck and lost
a line on account of the Ice
thus ends the day

Thursday July the 17

this day commences with calm saw a few Whales going
quick to the S & mid and later part saw one
Whale three Boats started for Potter's Bay
thus ends the day

Friday July the 18

This day commences calm three Boats in Potter's Bay
saw nothing spoke the Ship Caroline Boats had seen very
few Whales in the Bay
thus ends the day

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Saturday July the 19

This day commences with fine weather at sundown
the Lar Boat came on board from Potter's Bay had
seen nothing later part the other Boats came on
board had seen nothing took our anchor and started
for Shunter Bay thus ends the day

Sunday July the 20

This day commences light breezes from W storing oil
in the Fore hold 2 Boats started for Shunter Bay
10 PM anchored again the Boats saw about 20 Whales
going quick into the Bay mid and later part
foggy saw few Whales going like the Devil
thus ends the day

Monday July the 21

this day commences fine weather saw few Whales the
other two Boats cruising for Whales also mid part
fog later part clear thus ends the day

Tuesday July the 22

this day commences with fine weather got under weigh
spoke the Ship Caroline 7 Whales this season sundown
anchored again mid and later part thick fog
the Boats came on board thus ends the day

Wednesday July the 23

this commences with calm too Boats started off mid
and later part thick fog thus ends the day

Thursday July the 24

This day commences thick fog Larboard Boat missed
a Whale West Boat got one mid part thick later
part clear got the Whale alongside and cut him
thus ends the day

Friday July the 25

this day commences fine weather West and Bow Boats
started off took the anchor and dropped it again
in the Shunter passage mid part thunder storm
later part 1 Boat came on board had been lost
in the fog in Shunter Bay thus ends the day

Saturday July the 26

commences with fine weather 2 and 1 Boats went in shore
saw three Whales sundown came on board mid part
thick later part the Boats started again saw Whales
the Larboard Boat had a Whale missed
thus ends the day