

Journal of the Ship Mary Fraser of 1858
 Tuesday May the 25th this

day commences with light breeze from WSW to West W. Clear fine weather very little scattering the sun down the same as ship in sight only cutting a Whale at mid part light from SE and thick fog. Later part at 4 AM cleared some such 14 ships one a whaling at 10 AM came on thick fog again heavy sea to the SW opened back of floor this ends the day.

Wednesday May the 26th this day commences with thick fog light breeze from SW at midnoon calm and clear saw Jonas Island about 20 miles distant bearing SSW mid part light and later part strong breezes from SW 8 ships in sight 2 of them boring plenty of sea this ends the day
 Lat 57 02 N Long 143 15 E

Thursday May the 27th this day commences with strong breezes from SW saw ships a whaling one off them got fast but lost him up the sea sundown moderate sea from SE to SW clear water to the SE mid part calm later part light breezes from SE saw ships whaling to the SW this ends the day
 Lat 57 02 N Long

Friday May the 28th this day commences with calm at 4 PM lowered for a whale without success saw three whales going to the SE in the sea sundown light breezes from SE mid part from breezes from SW later part saw a few whales going westward quick 11 ships in sight all a whaling not one of us success full this ends the day

Saturday May the 29th this day commences with strong breezes from SW saw a whale lowered without success at 4 PM thick fog sundown the same mid part clear at 11 AM saw 2 whales lowered the West Boat struck and got capsized the cause foul line cut the line saved way thing but whale was did see again spoke the Bark Manuel Ortiz later part fine Lat 57 02 N this ends the day

New Bedford Capt John Round in the Chetsh
 Sunday May 30th this 1858

day commences with light breeze from SW Capt Round on board of the Bark Manuel Ortiz spoke the Bark American of Edgartown one whale this season mid part strong breezes from SW 14 mid part light breezes from SW and thick fog Capt Hazard of the Bark Manuel Ortiz come on board this ends the day

Monday May the 31st this day commences with calm and fog at breezes from SW and rain at sundown mid and later parts light breezes from WSW fine weather at 5 AM saw a whale 10 boats lowered for him without success 6 ships boring out of 14 that were in sight this ends the day
 Lat 56 50 N
 Tuesday June the 1st this

day commences with fine breezes from WSW saw two ships cutting whales at 1 PM saw a whale lowered for him did not see him again mid part fine later part the same saw boats in the sea did not lower this ends the day

Wednesday May the 2nd this day commences with calm saw a whale in the sea lowered without success spoke the Ship Milton one whale this season spoke the Manuel Ortiz Capt Round went on board and came back again at 12 o'clock AM mid part moderate later part strong breezes from SE saw a ship take a whale this ends the day
 Lat 56 23 N

Thursday April the 3rd this day commences with strong breezes from SE lowered for a whale without success at 7 PM saw 3 whales did not lower came in a thick fog double reefed top sails mid part the same later part at 6 AM lowered for whale at 8 came on board again running at 11 AM lowered again for the same whales whaling the rest part of the day this ends the day