

Journal of the Ship Mary Fouzier of 1858
Friday July the 9

This day commences with strong breezes and thick fog Capt Rouns on board for the Antelope at 4 PM came to an anchor in company with her 80 fathoms of water sundown the same and later part the same.

thus ends the day

Saturday July the 10

This day commences with light breezes and thick fog Capt Rouns on board of the Bark Antelope at 4 PM cleared up some saw 3 other ships at anchor also Round Island and the Little Shantie and other islands at 4 PM thick fog again sundown the same heard the sea to the S.E. and later part half of a gale from N.E. with a heavy sea on Laying with one anchor down and 25 fathoms of chain out

thus ends the day

Sunday July the 11

This day commences with half of a gale from N.E. one Bark got under weigh the Antelope at anchor about 1/2 of a mile N.W. from us sundown the same all ready to get underway in case of necessity the weather looks a little better mid part moderated later part light with fog and rain

thus ends the day

Monday July the 12

This day commences with light breezes from N.E. heavy sea on mid thick fog sundown calm mid part calm at daylight get underway with light breezes from S. in company with the Bark Antelope at 8 AM Capt Rouns went on board the Antelope later part light breezes and fine weather scattering sea and 5 ships in sight and nearly all around us the nearest 10 miles distant this ends the day

Tuesday July the 13

This day commences with light airs from the S. at 6 PM Capt Rouns came on board. Shantie head about 15 miles distant Mercury head about 20 miles distant S. head 15 miles distant E. head 15 miles distant Sundown calm mid and later part light breezes from N.W. Capt Rouns went on board of the Antelope and got a pair of blacksmiths bellows at 10 PM sent 3 boats in the sea to look for Whales saw nothing

thus ends the day

Lat 54 15 Mercury head 10 miles distant bearing N.W.

New Bedford Capt John Rouns on Octetick 1858
Wednesday July the 15

This day commences with fine breezes from N.W. saw 6 Whales from the ship the boats in the sea saw nothing at 5 PM thick fog the boats came on board sundown clear strong breezes from N.W. mid part the same later part clear at 10 PM 3 boats went in the sea saw Whales the Bow Boat went on to a Whale and missed him

thus ends the day

Thursday July the 16

This day commences with clear weather in the Bay and thick fog outside boats after Whales at 3 PM the Boat went on to a Whale did not get fast good chance at 5 PM the ship anchored boats did not get on board at night mid part fog and heavy later part fog the boats saw a number of Whales without success at noon found the ship

thus ends the day

Friday July 17

This day commences with calm fog and rain at 6 PM light breeze from E got underway and stood over to Westward at 9 PM calm anchored again mid part fog only rain at 10 PM sent off two boats to cruise for Whales later part the same

thus ends the day

Saturday July the 18

This day commences with calm and fog at 3 PM full in with a flock of Shearwaters and captured them also a dead Whale belonging to the ship got them alogged at 5 PM mid part calm later part commences backing calm and fog

thus ends the day

Sunday July the 19

This day commences with calm and fog sundown commences backing mid and later part the same thus ends the day

Monday July the 20

This day commences with calm and fog backing mid part the same later part got through backing at 9 AM cleared up some with light breeze from S. got underway and stood to Westward at 11 AM the two boats came on board after 3 days absence had heard a few Whales but had not seen any for fog

thus ends the day