

Journal of the ship Mary Frasier of 1855

Monday August the 25

Friday this day commences with strong breezes from N.W. the bow boat struck a Whale and saved him got him to the ship at 4 PM commences buting got through at 5 PM day light 2 boats off commences buting.

this ends the day.

Tuesday August the 26

Saturday this day commences with moderate breezes from N.W. mid and later part the same. Buting no Whales this ends the day.

Wednesday the 27

Sunday this day commences with light breezes from N.E. sold and delivered an Anchor to the bark Manuel Ortiz of New Bedford weight of it 900 pounds mid part calm later part light from N.E. No Whales this ends the day.

Thursday August the 28

Monday this day commences with strong breezes from N.E. sundown the same got through buting mid part a moderate gale from N.E. later part more moderate with rain. this ends the day.

Tuesday Sept the 1

Wednesday this day commences with strong breezes and rain from N.E. mid part the same at 5 PM got underway bound N. later part strong breezes from N. this ends the day.

Thursday Sept the 2

Friday this day commences with moderate breezes from W. sundown calm the land 6 or 8 miles distant the N.W. shore 8 ships in sight later part light breezes from W. steering to the N.E. strong bill this ends the day.

Saturday Sept the 3

Sunday this day commences with light breezes from N.W. sundown got the oil stowed down mid and later light air and calm from W. 6 ships in sight the N.W. shore about 10 miles distant this ends the day.

New Bedford Capt John Russell in Oct 1855

Friday Sept the 4

this day commences with light breezes from E. standing off shore at 4 PM saw Whales lowered at 6 PM commences on trail sundown moderate breezes and calm mid and later part strong breezes from N.E. saw Whales and lowered without success.

this ends the day.

Saturday Sept the 5

from N.E. at 2 PM saw Whales and lowered the bow boat struck a Whale and lost a line at 4 PM the Larboard boat struck the same Whale and saved them took him alongside and commences buting took his throat and lips mid part calm later part got through buting calm this ends the day.

Sunday Sept the 6

this day commences with light breezes from S.W. the land 15 miles distant 6 ships in sight all buting sundown the same Capt Rounds on board of the Manuel Ortiz Capt Hazard in dangerously ill later part getting up shook and buting light breezes from S.W. this ends the day.

Monday Sept the 7

this day commences with light air and calm mid part the same Capt Rounds on board of the Manuel Ortiz working to the N.E. at daylight saw Whales lowered the Whales going quick to the N.E. later part plenty of Whales but no mind to get on to them buting.

this ends the day.

Tuesday Sept the 8

this day commences with light air and calm saw Whales the Larb and Hart boats started at Whales long ranges sundown light breezes from S.W. steering N. the land about 12 miles distant to the N.W. Capt Rounds on board of the Manuel Ortiz mid part calm at daylight the Manuel Ortiz steered to the N.E. for Maria Mary Frasier saw and lowered for Whales chased Whales all the later part the Larboard boat started at one did not get past to far off this ends the day.