

Journal of the Ship Mary Fraser of 1859

Sunday June the 19

This day commences with strong breezes from NW with fog and rain at 4 P.M. spoke the ship James of New Bedford saw two other ships down the Bay then part a moderate gale from NW at 6 A.M. 6 ships in sight 3 of them at anchor saw W shore later part a gale and rain storm the ships working out of the Bay very bad weather
thus ends the day

Monday June the 20

This day commences with a moderate gale from NW thick rain storm at 4 P.M. 12 fathoms of water at 6 P.M. 16 fathoms of water the wind from NW and moderating passed the ship James then part moderate later part the same working down the Bay
thus ends the day

Tuesday June the 21

This day commences moderate breezes from SE at 3 P.M. saw Whales and lowered without success at 8 P.M. anchored out in 10 fathoms of water at 4 P.M. sent off two boats on a cruise bearing muskediger
thus ends the day

Wednesday June the 22

This day commences with fine weather and light breezes from SE very few Whales in the Bay at 6 P.M. the boats came on board later part saw 2 Whales lowered for them at noon came on board and got underway thus ends the day

Thursday June the 23

This day commences with fine breezes from SE working out of the Bay saw some scattering ice on the W shore 20 ships in the Bay then and later part light breezes and from SE
see to the Westward
thus ends the day
Lat 54 18 N

Friday June the 24

This day commences with light breezes from W killed a dog then part calm later part fine breezes from NW saw Dog Island bearing W & N 13 miles distant
thus ends the day

New Bedford Capt John Rounds

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Saturday June the 25

This day commences with fine breezes from NW at 6 P.M. from 8 5 ships in sight Dog Island 8 miles distant surrounded with ice Bird Island bearing NW 31 miles distant then part light breezes and calm from 9 ships in sight at noon Bird Island bearing E by S 10 miles distant
Lat 54 35 N
thus ends the day

Sunday June the 26

This day commences with light breezes from ENE ice to the S at 1 P.M. saw Round Island bearing NW 15 miles distant then part light breezes and calm later part at 9 P.M. anchored 3 miles south of Round Island and sent two boats on shore for wood
thus ends the day

Monday June the 27

This day commences with strong breezes from NW at 2 P.M. the boats came on board with wood 3 other ships anchored and 6 others in sight underweigh then part moderate at 3 P.M. got underway later part calm at 11 sent off two boats to Bear Island in sight about 6 miles distant bearing NW thus ends the day

Tuesday June the 28

This day commences with light breezes from NW came on thick fog spoke the bark Endeavor at 9 P.M. anchored at 10 P.M. the boats got on board having seen nothing then part calm and thick fog heard one Whale later part the same sent off two boats plenty of ice around thus ends the day

June the 29

This day commences with calm cleared up at 3 P.M. got underway and found a Dead Whale took her along side and commences buting then calm and thick fog later part light breezes and thick fog from NW the anchor about 12 miles from Bear Island
thus ends the day