

Journal of Bark Mattapoisett
Cruising off Asperion Island
Monday Jan. 29th 1883

These 24 hours light breeze from S.E. with fine weather the Bark steering by the wind on the Starboard tack. Saw two sails during the day at sunset took in the light sails and hauled up the mainsail so ends

Tuesday Jan. 30th

These 24 hours fresh breeze from S.E. the Bark steering E.N.E. during the day at sunset took in the light sails and hauled up the mainsail and put the Bark on the Port tack

Wednesday Jan. 31st

These 24 hours fresh breeze from about S.E. with fine weather at 6 A.M. started the Bark off W. at about 1 P.M. started North untill sunset then hauled to the wind on the Starboard tack and took in sail for the night saw one sail during the day so ends

Thursday Feb. 1st

These 24 hours light breeze from S.E. with fine weather the Bark part the Bark steering N. E. & M. sighted the Island bearing W. by N. better part steering S.W. saw two sails 4 P.M. gained on the Bark. Stafford of New Bedford Capt King gained untill 10 P.M. so ends

Journal of New Bedford Capt. A. La. Stikney
Cruising off Asperion Island
Friday Feb. 2nd 1883

This day light breeze from S.E. with fine weather saw one sail and saw the Island all day. the Bark steering by the wind on different tacks so ends this day

Saturday Feb. 3rd

These 24 hours light breeze from S.E. with fine weather the Bark steering by the wind at 12 noon put the Bark on the Starboard tack saw one sail and saw the Island bearing about N.W.E. at sunset

Sunday Feb. 4th

This day light breeze with fine weather about 6 P.M. sighted a school of sperm whales about 7 A.M. lowered three boats the Starboard Boat struck and the School brought to end then the other two boats struck got them along side about 1 P.M. about 3 P.M. began to cut and finished at 7 P.M. and got supper the Island bearing about N.W.E. in the morning

Monday Feb. 5th

These 24 hours light breeze with fine weather saw the Island and one sail all hands employed in cutting up the heads at about 10 A.M. began to bail the Bark steering by the wind on the Port tack untill midnight so ends bailing