

Dempsey for May 1858

Sunday May 2nd the

First of this day fine weather
wind S.W. saw several ships
spoke B.R. cutter of New Bedford
and gained middle part fine
weather standing to Eastward
with breeze later part
strong breeze from S.E.
working S.E. with prudent
sail in company with ships
Chusick and Rapid

No obs

Monday May 3rd the

First of this day blowing strong
from E. at 4 a.m. got in clear
water middle part blowing fresh
from E.N.E. sails & reefs in topsails
saw ship 8 times through the night
later part moderated wind South
with thick fog saw several ships

Tuesday May 4th the

First of this day thick fog wind
S.W. heading S.E. with 2 reefs in
topsails middle part wind light and
bafflin later part thick fog
wind N. heading W.N.W. short
sail saw several ships
No obs

Bark Abidas of R. Tallman Master
Wednesday May 12th the

First of this day fine weather
wind N. gained with ship
rapid saw rounder of New Bedford
middle part thick fog @ 10
P.M. wind E. later part
thick fog heading S.E.
with short sail
No obs

Thursday May 13th the

First of this day thick and
rainy @ 3 a.m. saw ship head
N.E. wind E.S.E. saw 2 sails
middle part like breeze and thick
fog later part wind N.E. heading
S.E. @ 5 P.M. blowing strong
close reefed fore and main topsail
@ 10 commenced snowing @ 12 taken
in fore topsail blowing heavy
from N.E. ships heading E.

Friday May 14th the

Found the
Ship leaking

First of this day blowing heavy
from N.E. and snowing @ 1 a.m.
clewed up main topsail tried
to stow it and could not for
the ice was so thick on it @ 5 a.m.
tried the pump and found
the ship leaking @ the rate of
100 strokes per hour. Middle
and later part blowing strong @
7 P.M. set close reef topsails
wind W. heading N.W.
Lat 56.50 N
Long 158.20 E