

Log of Whaling Schooner F. Putnam of Provincetown, Elisha H. Tillson Master 1867

Saturday May 18th

At 11 P.M. hauled out into the stream and came to an anchor with 25 fathoms chain Port Anchor

Sunday 19th

Monday 20th

First part winds variable with rainy weather latter part calm, loosed and hoisted the sails to dry, the officers at work fitting the boats for whaling.

Tuesday 21st

Bristle breezes from East furlled the sails Middle part thick fog latter part increasing gales from East with rains

Wednesday 22nd

Came in with strong gales with rains from East at 1 hour let go S. Anchor at 5 hrs calm with thick fog hove up & latted Starboard Anchor, hove in to 30 fathoms Port Chain Middle part calm latter part light winds from S.W. loosed & hoisted the sails to dry, officers at work fitting boats

Thursday 23rd

Came in with moderate breezes from S.W. with clear weather at 2 hrs the Steamer arrived from Boston bringing our crew, received eight men on board from her furlled the sails, Middle & latter parts light breezes with pleasant weather All hands at work getting ready for sea.

Friday May 24th

Came in with moderate breezes from S.W. with pleasant weather Middle and latter parts much the same All hands went on shore to sign articles

Saturday 25th

Came in with pleasant weather and moderate breezes from westward All hands employed getting of stores and getting ready for sea Sat up fore & main rigging & bent main Gaff Topsail latter part brisk breezes with rains from S.W.

Sunday 26th

Came in with strong winds from S.W. Middle part heavy squalls with rain latter part light air & calms, bent fore Gaff topsail greased the masts hoisted the sails & got ready for sea

Monday 27th

Came in with moderate breezes from South at 5 hrs furlled the sails Middle part light breezes & clear weather latter part light breezes from S.W. to South at 2 hrs got under weigh and steered out of the harbor

Tuesday 28th

Came in with light variable breezes ship working to Southward at 7 hrs off Highland Lights at dark wind S.E. and appearance of thick weather put back in company with several other vessels at 5 hrs came to an anchor in 7 fathoms with Port ~~Starboard~~ Anchor heeled to 25 fathoms Highland Light bearing S.E. Cape bearing West Middle part thick weather with drizzly rain at 15 hrs got under weigh & steamed up to the Highland Light wind S.E. & S.W. with thick weather at 20 hrs steamed off for a harbor at 22 hrs calm let go the Midge Anchor in 25 fathoms water