

1855 Ship Petrel in the Cut Sea

Saturday 26th April 1855

26th Fine with strong breeze from the W heading to the N all sail got up to the lee spoke the Union of New Bedford Com. private of Lynn went on board Middle fine latter do went into the lee son nothing came off

Lat 55 00

Sunday 27th May 1855

27th Fine wind W back of T on with the Fair Middle post smooth latter do sun of latter N & E along the lee

Monday 28th

28th Fine wind S E heading to the E all sail set lowered for a while struck & bowed, stood to the S, spoke the Gustave of France, Middle post strong breeze latter do a gale close reefed the top sails Stopped to the S

Tuesday 29th

29th Strong gales at E under close reefed top sails at 4 fell in with loose lee nose to the N. Middle post thick snow storm standing on short tacks latter do made sail under way to the E

Wednesday 30th

30th Most breezes from the E standing on short tacks, top sails set, Middle post do latter post all sail washing through the lee Lat 54 58

Thursday 1st May 1855 May 1st 1855

1st Most wind S E & S blowing to the E through the lee at 12 fell in with the nose to the S W at 4 to the E latter post a hard gale from E S E close reefed top sails heading S

Friday 2nd

2nd Hard gales from the E heading to the S close reefed top sails, a heavy sea running, thick snow at 6 some abated Middle post most latter do made sail to the N E wind S all sail

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Saturday 3rd May 1855

3rd Most standing to the N E all sail 3 ships in sight at 4 wind N N W more on board ship Magnolia, Middle post thick snow storm standing N E by N. Latter post quite fine heading to the N

Sunday 4th

Lat 55 35

4th Fine wind N heading to the N all sail set Middle post most at 4 strong breeze from S E at 6 rose to the S, latter post strong gales at 10 got into the nose to the E made sail suggested

sun a bow head Monday 5th Lat 55 17 May 1855

5th Strong gales at S E Reading & double reefed top sails, 7th & 8th sail, suggested. Sun off & spoke the ship Cooper Capt came on board Middle post thick snow storm latter do at 10 cleared of made sail & steered to the wind N at 11 thick fog rose to the S

Tuesday 6th

6th Thick fog wind N N heading to the S at 11 rose to the E, at 6 fog cleared of steered of for the E, suffered to lay aback, at daylight whales lowered & struck fatal line, 20 fathoms from the Ken, old line & piece down to the lee sent in the boats, struck again parted all most now line lost the whale got on board, tried all day lines, with 20 men wiled a new line. Capt Woodbridge came on board

Wednesday 7th

7th Strong breezes from the S E sun into the lee sent in the boats saw nothing, went on board of the Metacomb, Middle post fine latter do strong gales at S, sun of to the lee, suffered too to suggest

Thursday 8th

8th Strong gales & suggested wind S to S E at 6 wind E, rose to the S, spoke the Franklin & Montezuma Middle post a hard gale close reefed main top sail latter post the same very suggested several ships in sight so goes 1 day after another