

1845 Ship patrol Cussing Bristol Bay
Thursday 14th Aug 1845

14th Mott wind E heading 15 N E all sail set
took in by sails & jib, jib double reefed top
sails at 4 more to the S at 5 wind S E
Middle post Mott wind S 4 S W at light
steered N E saw some fin backs strong gales
at N W Lat 58 12

Friday 15th Aug 1845

15th Strong gales at N W 100. I double reefed
jib & at 1 took in jib fore & main top sails
Blowing strong at dark here to hauled fore
sails. Middle post Mott, latter post quite
Mott at 4, saw a right whale, lowered, saw a ship
Enterprise, Hunt, Wagon, at 4, Lat 57 10

Saturday 16th

16th Mott with a heavy swell, took up Boat
wind N W. Steered to the S, lowered for
a whale, several again no luck saw
a ship, British, at 5 took up Boat, took
to the S till 12 more to the S latter post
strong gales foggy & rain rain rain
saw a right whale, lowered, saw a ship
& never saw again & never went to
rain rain Sunday 17th

17th Mott wind S lying on short tacks, Middle
post the same fog & rain, latter post wind
N W clear steered to the N E at 6 whales lowered
flag hoisted & wind of to gear

Monday 18th Lat 56 45 Aug 1845

18th Mott quite fine at 2 fell in with Kellers
that had a whale lowered Boat, the Kellers
let go & the whale went off, at 5 fell in with
three got almost within dart, the Boat &
went off, came on board took in sail, saw a ship
cutting, headed to the S at 12 more to the N
at daylight a hard gale from the N, latter
post the same at 8 more to the N
heading to the N

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Friday 19th Aug 1845

19th Strong gales from the N heading to the West
Main top sail, at 4 more to the N wind
N W 2 ships set fore sail & main top sail
Middle post Mott latter do all sail at 8 whales
lowered Wagon chasing 100 whales in sight, 5 ships
Wednesday 20th Lat 57 08

20th Fine wind from N to S W Boats down chasing
at 1 hour saw several again hoisted up whales
very shy steering to the S W at 4 lowered &
stuck sun till dark cut fire & came on
board, spoke the St. Francis nothing Middle post
strong gales very dazed post foot rope main
top sail heading S E wind E several ships
in sight, latter post same Bent new main top
sail saw several whales Boats up, saw

Thursday 21st Lat 57 08

21st Strong gales at E heading to the S set main
top sail, at 2 more to the N, saw a number
of whales heading to seaward, Base, 2801.
saw disagreeable weather, Middle post the same
latter do rain rain

Friday 22nd

22nd Strong gales from the N heading to the N
more to the E, at 9 more to the N main top & fore
sails Middle post Mott latter post rain fog
squally took in jib stored of ground fire aft

Saturday 23rd

23rd Strong gales thick fog & rain wind N more to
the N, cleared of at 6, spoke the Wm Thompson
saw whales did not lower very dazed, Middle post
Mott, latter post strong gales lowered whales going quick
steered to the S E at 12 tacked to the N

Sunday 24th Lat 57 00, Aug 1845

24th Strong gales from the E heading to the N saw whales
going quick to the N, spoke the Brazilian of 1521
ship of J. R. went on board, Middle post fine latter
steered to the N at 10 tacked to the N E cut on her
cut of a canvas