

Ship Valena of New Bedford Capt John Dorman

Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> 1854

This day comes in with fine weather and light trades the ship steering N.W. Middle and latter part much the same saw Blackfish William Ward Boatsteerer was allowed to take his place before the mast at his own request and Bill Cahoon is appointed to take his place as Boatsteerer Wm. Gillison Boatsteerer off Duty sick with the time  
Lat by obs. 4.57 Long by Chron. 86.13

Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light Breeze from the E.S. to the ship standing to the Northward saw a Bark standing South  
Lat by obs 3.05 Long by Chron 86.32

Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>

This day comes in with light trades the ship steering off North Middle part calm latter part light air from E. to. Saw nothing  
Lat by obs 2.06 Long by Chron 86.29

Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with gentle trade Winds the ship steering off N.W. Middle and latter part nearly Calm saw porpoises Lat by obs. 1.51 Long by Chron 86.56

Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fine weather and light trades the ship steering N.W. Middle saw porpoises employed fitting new foot ropes for the main top sail yard  
Lat by obs 0.55 Long by Chron 86.45

Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with fine weather and light weather the ship standing to the Westward tacked to the Eastward at in the night at daylight wore ship to the Westward a Bark in sight standing to the Westward at 8 A.M. saw Chatham Island bearing W. run down to the low end of the Island at 11 A.M. saw Whales going in towards the Sound. lowered three Harbores and Waist Boat.

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Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> 1854

This day comes in with fine weather the Boats off in chase of Whales at 1 P.M. Waist Boat fast Harbores struck the first Whale. the Bow boat struck about 2 P.M. at dark took the last one two the ship at daylight commenced cutting got 11 feet off and laid in at noon Chatham Island bearing S.W. 25 miles

Thursday May 18

This day comes in with fine weather and light air from the S.W. all hands employed cutting finished at sunset latter part employed boiling saw nothing  
Lat by obs 0.05 Long by Chron 86.07

Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with moderate Breeze from South the ship standing to the Eastward all hands employed Boiling finished the head about 8 A.M. a Bark in sight to Windward  
Lat by obs 0.04 Long by Chron 89.07

Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>

This day comes in with light Breezes from the South the ship standing to the Eastward all hands employed Boiling a Bark in sight standing to the Eastward saw nothing Lat by obs 0.37 Long by Chron 89.45



Sunday May 21

Comes in with light southerly winds the ship standing to the E.S. to. at 4 P.M. wore round to the N.W. at 2 P.M. spoke the Bark Catherine of Westport 5 months 50 Spenn at 4 P.M. saw Whales going quick to the South lowered three Boats the Starboard and Harbores Boats struck the Harbores Boat parted from her Whale when going in her fluky. the Starboard Boat brought her Whale alongside about dark at 6 A.M. fell in with a dead Whale which proved to be the one the S. Boat parted from all hands employed cutting and boiling the Bark got 3 small Whales Lat by obs 0.27 Long by Chron