

Ship Balama of New Bedford
1855 Tuesday April 12th

Light winds with fair weather. All sail set. Cruising. Saw Blk fish. Two men sick. Lat. 5.31 S Long 88.41 W

Friday Apr 13th

Moderate trades with fair weather. Took 4 Blk fish. One man sick. Satter fish hauled again without success. Lat. 5.33 S Long 88.52

Saturday April 14th

Light winds with fair sky. All sail set. Cruising. Saw many Blk fish. Hauled several times without success. Satter fish took one. Steward & Carpenter sick with Typhus fever. The Steward convalescent. Lat. 5.33 S Long 88.52

Sunday Apr 15th

Wind light with fair weather. All sail set. Saw Sulphur Bottoms Blk fish & Grampuses. Carpenter about as yesterday. Satter fish. Course N. believing the danger of more small Pox appearing to be past. Lat. 5.28 S Long 84.53 W

Monday Apr 16

Moderate trades with fair sky. Course Northwester. Satter fish. Employed setting up. Shook for Oil. Steward again on duty. Carpenter recovering. Lat. 5.53 S Long 84.18 W (19 Mo out. this day)

Tuesday April 17th

Wind moderate with fair weather during the first of the day. Satter cloudy. Course N.W. Employed setting up. Shook. Carpenter on deck. Lat. 2.53 S

Wednesday April 18th

Light trades with fair weather. All sail set. Saw Blk fish. Employed variously. Carpenter again on duty. Lat. 1.50 S Long 86.18

Thursday Apr 19th

Light trades fair sky. Satter fish. Employed repairing the main top. Course Westward. Carpenter again sick showing symptoms of small Pox. He is separated from the rest of the crew & a man appointed to tend him. Lat. 1.55 S Long by Chron 87.52 W

Ship Balama at Hood Island

Friday April 20th

Light winds with fair weather. Course Westward employed repairing the main top. Carpenter evidently has the small Pox. Lat. 1.34 S Long 89.58

Saturday Apr 21st

Wind moderate with fair. First of the day spoke the ship Amethyst 200 Tons. Course N.W. bound to Hood Island to rid the ship of small Pox. The Carpenter being the only one got down with it. Have hopes it will go no farther. At daylight saw the land Chatham Island N.W. 15. This day the ship had been covered N.W. 25 miles. 13 noon Parame Bay N.W. 4 miles M.S.

Sunday Apr 22nd

Light winds with fair sky. At 12 PM anchored in Garden Bay in five fathoms water. At 4 PM the carpenter was carried on shore & placed in a comfortable berth. Two men Ward & Jarvis were set to attend him. He appears to be doing well & was out this morning walking on the beach before sunrise. Lat. by Chron 131 S Long by Chron 90.58

Monday Apr 23rd

Fine weather. Some of the crew on shore after breakfast. Satter fish. Unbanning the Kuebler & took it on deck. Found the Kuebler much worn, the lower one on fourth off. The others less worn. Repaired them to the best advantage we could, Carpenter doing very well Long by Chron 98.9.50

Tuesday April 24th

Moderate winds with fair sky. Satter fish. First of the day being the Kuebler & got some wood from the shore. Tides very strong about 2 knots. Carpenter recovering. Lat. by Chron 88.11

Wednesday Apr 25th

Wind light with fair sky. Satter fish. Set some of the fore & aft stumps. Lat. by Chron 88.11

Thursday Apr 26th

Light winds with clouds & some passing rain in the night. Crew employed getting wood. Carpenter doing well. Plenty of excellent fish may be caught. Alongside here the water is small & difficult to obtain.