

Ship Speedwell of Fairbairn a Cruising in

Thursday May the 18th this day commences with fresh breeze and foggy weather from the N.W. ship under all sail heading N.W. & middle part cleared up latter part spoke the Navy of New Bedford Capt Norton 32 months out 2300 W 1000 so ends this day

Friday May the 19th this day commences with light breeze and pleasant weather from the E.S.E. ship under all sail steering N. by W middle part the same the ship Navy in sight latter part strong breeze from the E. & W. E. so ends this day

Saturday May the 20th this day commences with light breeze and pleasant weather from the W. ship steering N. this day broke out for water latter part foggy wind light so ends this day

Sunday May 21st this day commences with light breeze and pleasant weather from the W. ship under all sail heading N.W. at 4 A.M. saw the ice in large fields saw 10 ships spoke the Herald and Hatch of New Bedford so ends this day

Monday May the 22nd this day commences with light breeze and foggy weather from the S.W. ship under whole topsails heading S.E. middle part spoke the ship Charles Phelps of Stonington had taken one whale saw a number of ships but no whales so ends

Tuesday May the 23rd this day commences with light breeze and pleasant weather from the W. ship under moderate sail heading N.W. saw a number of ships spoke the ship Congress Capt Mathewson and the Arnolda Capt Harding and the Bk. Isabella Capt Smalley all of New Bedford

The Echoth Sea B. F. Gibbs Master 1854 and Bk. Antelope Capt Potter of New Bedford middle part kept of steering N. E. by E. so ends this day

Thursday May the 24th this day commences with light breeze and foggy weather from ship under moderate sail heading N.W. & saw 2 ships latter part the same saw the ice and foggy weather so ends this day

Thursday May the 25th this day commences with light breeze and foggy weather from the S.E. ship under moderate sail heading N.W. middle part spoke the ship Medicine Capt Woodbridge so ends this day

Friday May the 26th this day commences with light breeze and pleasant weather from the S.W. ship under moderate sail heading N.W. & run into the ice a few hours and stood out saw nothing so ends this day

Saturday May the 27th this day commences with light breeze and pleasant weather from the W. ship under all sail standing off and on to the ice middle part spoke the Adeline Gibbs Capt Purroy of Fairbairn and Frances Hewitt Capt Quinn latter part spoke the Gina Swift and Polan Star saw the Prudence trying out 22 ships in sight so ends this day

Sunday May the 28th this day commences with light breeze and pleasant weather from the W. ship under moderate sail standing off and on to the ice latter part spoke the Heliconia of New Bedford 12 ships in sight so ends this day

Monday May the 29th this day commences with strong breeze and pleasant weather from the W. ship under double reef topsails heading to the Westward saw the ice also 15 ships in sight so ends this day