

1855

Ship Vineyard of Edgartown bound to weather from the N. by S. ship under close reefed fore and main topsail steering N. E. After breakfast set the reefed foresail. Frequent snow squalls and intensely cold. Wet down the hold. Middle part the same. Latter part moderate, and shook one reef out of each topsail and set the mainsail and jib. Put down the foretopmast studding sail booms. Rained land bearing N. So ends this day.

Saturday April 15th 1855

This day commenced with moderate wind and muggy weather from the N. N. W. ship under single reefed topsails steering N. E. Very cold. Middle part the same. Wet down the hold. So ends this day.

Sunday April 16th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the S. S. W. ship under all sail steering N. N. E. Middle part steering N. by E. Wet down the hold. Latter part being near the land, took in the mizzen topsail and close reefed the fore and main topsails. Snow squalls. So ends this day.

Tuesday April 17th 1855

This day commenced with strong breezes and snow storm from the N. W. ship under all sail steering N. N. E. Raised the land sun after breakfast and the wind increasing took in the light sails and double reefed the topsails. Commenced to beat through the straits. Wind being squally shortened sail several times. So ends this day.

Wednesday April 18th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the S. E. ship under all sail steering N. N. W. Put up the anchor and began to make sundry articles. Middle part nearly a dead calm. Latter part more wind. Saw a right whale but did not lower being anxious to get on the Bearhead ground. So ends this day.

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the Ochotok Sep. Thomas N. Dickes, Master,
Thursday April 19th 1855

This day commenced with strong breezes and muggy weather from the S. E. ship under close reefed fore and main topsail and foresail steering N. N. W. After breakfast the wind increasing, called all hands and hoisted her too under close reefed main topsail. The wind lay now amounted to a tremendous gale, and the main topsail shut parted which took nearly all the forenoon to repair. Carried away the mizzen topmast which was put at the main. A heavy sea nearly washed the bow boat from the orrins, and badly damaged it; rigged tackle aloft and after great labor got her in on deck. Latter part moderated considerably. Heavy snow storm all day and very cold. So ends this day.

Friday April 20th 1855

This day commenced with moderate breezes and muggy weather from the S. E. ship under close reefed topsails and foresail steering N. W. by W. Hands engaged in clearing up. Middle and latter part the same. So ends this day.

Saturday April 21st 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and cloudy weather from the N. N. E. ship under moderate sail steering E. by S. Slight snow squalls. Put up a crow's nest for'ard. Captain and carpenter repaired the bow boat. At 12 A. M. word ship heading N. W. Hands engaged in ship's duties. So ends this day.

Sunday April 22nd 1855

This day commenced with strong breezes and muggy weather from the N. by E. ship under moderate sail steering W. N. W. Wet down the hold. Middle and latter part the same. So ends this day.

Monday April 23rd 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the W. ship under all sail steering W. N. W. Middle and latter part dead calm. Put up the