

1855
Ship Vineyard of Edgartown cruising in
Wednesday May 16th 1855.

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the S.W. ship under moderate sail steering S.W. Steamed down Sound twice to day in chase of whales with no success. Several ships in sight. So ends this day.

Thursday May 17th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the S.W. ship under all sail steering S.S.E. Finished trying out. Spoke the "Meteor" 5 whales, the Doryllec of N. Bedford just from home, and the Washington of St. J. Capt. Hiley. Several ships in sight. So ends this day.

Friday May 18th 1855.

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather of ship standing off and on to the ice. Landed the boats four times during the day with no success till the last time when the bow boat struck a large whale and took all his line and part of the waist boat line and escaped in the ice. The waist boat line was cut by some means unknown. The waist boat took a whale. Fifteen ships in sight. So ends this day.

Saturday May 19th 1855

This day commenced with strong breezes and hazy weather from the S.E. ship under close reefed topsails standing off and on to the ice. A number of ships in sight. Landed the boats in chase of whales, the harbored boat struck one but lost him by the line parting. Spoke the "Florida" of St. J. Capt. Little Newdale. After dinner finished steaming down. So ends this day.

Sunday May 20th 1855.

This day commenced with light breezes and foggy weather from the S. and E. ship under moderate sail cruising. Saw a whale near close to the ship. So ends this day.

1855
The Cohasset Scho. S. N. Fisher Master
Monday May 21st 1855.

This day commenced with light breezes and foggy weather from the S.E. ship under whole topsails heading N. Most of the day laying with the main yard aback, being in the ice. Spoke the boat of the Young Phoenix, clear. Saw 3 ships. So ends this day.

Tuesday May 22nd 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and foggy weather from the N. ship under moderate sail heading N.E. Saw ships several times. Spoke the "Cambrian" Capt. Pease of St. J. 8 mos out. 200 sperm. The captain went aboard and staid till dinner time. Middle and latter the same. So ends this day.

Wednesday May 23rd 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the S.E. ship moderate sail heading N.E. At 5 A.M. landed in chase of whales with no success; after breakfast landed again, no success. Wind increasing to a moderate gale drove us off the topsails and took in the jibs. Saw ships several times. 38 ships in sight. Middle and latter part the same. So ends this day.

Thursday May 24th 1855.

This day commenced with strong breezes and pleasant weather from the S.E. ship under moderate sail steering S.S.W. Saw ship several times. Saw a ship pick up a stinker. After dinner landed the boats in chase of a whale but no success. In the midst of heavy ice and a large number of ships in sight, but 3 baling. So ends this day.

Friday May 25th 1855.

This day commenced with light breezes and foggy weather from the N. ship under moderate sail steering N.W. Saw ship several times. Saw several ships fishing. Middle and latter part the same. So ends this day.