

1855
Ship Vineyard of Edgartown cruising
Thursday July 5th 1855

This day commenced with moderate breezes and
sugg weather from the N. N. W. ship under short sail
steering N. E. Middle part made all sail. In the
afternoon saw whales; lowered three boats in chase
of whales: the bow boat struck a whale with a ding
iron and lost him; the waist boat struck another one
and lost him with the line. Came aboard. To end this day

Friday July 6th 1855

This day commenced with strong breezes and
sugg weather from the N. N. W. ship under
moderate sail steering E. by S. Standing off and
on to the land. Lowered twice today in chase
of whales: the larboard boat lanced three and lost
them. To end this day.

Saturday July 7th 1855

This day commenced with strong breezes and sugg
weather from the N. N. W. ship under moderate sail
standing off and on the land. At 6 A.M. lowered the
boats in chase of whales: chased till 1 P.M. with no
success. Latter part under all sail. Spoke the Chas.
N. Morgan, nothing since we saw her last. To end this day

Sunday July 8th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant
weather from the N. N. W. ship under all sail standing
off and on the land. At 6 A.M. saw whales.
Lowered three boats in chase: chased till 11 with no
success. Came aboard. Latter part strong breeze; dully
sailed the topsails and took in the light sails. To end
this day.

Monday July 9th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and foggy weather
from the N. ship under short sail standing off and on to
the land. In the afternoon passed a bark at anchor
and spoke the ship "John News" of New Bedford Capt
Bryant, nothing of any consequence as the captain expected
latter part the same. To end this day.

1855
in the Ochotsk Sea. Thos. N. Fisher Master
Tuesday July 10th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and foggy weather
from the S. W. ship under all sail standing off and on to
the land. At noon cleared up and lowered three boats
and pulled into the ice but saw nothing came aboard
at 3 P.M. Last night at 12 lowered the bow boat
and towed the ship from the land there being no
wind and the strong tide setting her in. To end this day

Wednesday July 11th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather
from the E. ship under all sail standing along the land.
Last night at 9 P.M. saw a dead whale, lowered
the starboard boat and towed him to the ship: he
proved to be a calf about a month old; when brought
he turned up five barrels. After dinner lowered for
whales, chased till 4 P.M. with no success came aboard.

Thou ship sailing. Land all rounding. Strong breeze.

Thursday July 12th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and S. W.
weather from the S. W. ship under all sail steering
S. E. by E. Middle part foggy with no wind. Latter part
wind from the E. N. E. ship heading N. To end this day.

Friday July 13th 1855

This day commenced with moderate breezes and sugg
weather from the N. N. W. ship under all sail steering
N. W. by W. Last night at 9, being thick and the "Chas."
N. Morgan close to came to an anchor in 16 fathoms. At
3 this morning the ice came down upon us obliging
us to take the anchor. After breakfast the captain
went aboard the "C. N. 356". Middle part the same.
At 3 P.M. spoke the "Empire" Rease of Edgartown 3 whales
the captain went aboard. Latter part strong breeze
and rain: ship under double reefed topsails. To end this day

Saturday July 14th 1855

This day commenced with strong breezes and rainy
weather from the N. N. W. ship under short sail steering N. N. W.
Wore ship several times heading E. on the other tack. Spoke
the "Empire" Bailey 7 whales. To end this day.