

1855
Ship Vineyard of Edgartown cruising in
Sunday July 16th 1855

This day commenced with strong breezes and rugged weather from the N.E. ship under moderate sail steering N.W. on the other tack P.S. P. Heavy rain!

Monday July 17th 1855

This day commenced with strong breezes and rugged weather from the N.E. ship under easy heading on the wind. Dry and rain. Spoke the Chas W Morgan & whales; the captain came aboard of us. Middle and latter part the same. So ends this day.

Tuesday July 18th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and thick weather from the N.W. ship under easy sail heading N.W. and on the other tack P. At 2 P.M. cleared up for a few minutes when we found ourselves close to the land with a strong current setting in. Landed the bomb and towed her off. Got the starboard anchor in readiness to let go. So ends this day.

Wednesday July 19th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the S.W. by N. ship under all sail steering S. by E. Spoke the ship Eliza D. Mason of N. B. Spight & whales in the Japan Sea: had a long game with her. A large number of ships close to us bound to Shantou Bay. So ends this day.

Thursday July 20th 1855

This day commenced with light and variable winds from the S. and W. ship under all sail steering S.E. At 8 A.M. being close to the land and a thick fog let go the anchor at change of tide hove up and stood along towards the big Shantou. Several home ships in sight bound in. So ends this day.

Friday July 21st 1855

This day commenced with light and variable winds ship at anchor in the ice. At 11 P.M. last night called all hands to stand by, the ship being surrounded

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the Ochotok Sea. Thomas Fisher Master

by very heavy ice. After sustaining my severe shoulder the cable parted and we lost the anchor and 28 fathoms of chain. Let go the starboard anchor and hove up again and stood out, finding we made no progress against a strong tide got out four boats and towed the ship four ships head. Latter part light breezes from the N.W. by N. ship under all sail steering N.W. by N. After supper saw whales: lowered in chain 20 pieces. So ends this day.

Saturday July 21st 1855



Waist Boat.

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the S.W. by S. ship under all sail steering W. by N. At 5 A.M. saw whales and lowered three boats in chase: the waist boat struck and killed a whale: got him alongside and tied him up, and went off again. Chased three hours with no success. Came aboard and cut him in, but did not start the works. Latter part wind N.W. ship steering N.W. ~~at 6 P.M.~~ At 6 P.M. saw whales to leeward and lowered four boats in chase. The larboard boat struck a whale who instantly stove a large hole in the bottom of the boat causing it to sink to the water's edge: the crew were picked up by the starboard boat. Came aboard. So ends this day.

Sunday July 22nd 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and thick weather from the E. by N. ship under easy sail steering N. by E. They evaded, refusing to turn out last night was sent forward to live, whereupon he refused to do duty as cooper. The captain then put him in irons and sent him into the forehold to live on bread and water till he concluded to return to duty. Put a new boat on the larboard boat. Sounding done. Latter part wind from the E. S. E. So ends this day.

Monday July 23rd 1855

This day commenced with moderate breezes and pleasant weather from the N.W. by N. ship under