

1855

Ship Vineyard of Edgartown

Wednesday September 26th 1855

This day commenced with moderate breezes and rugged weather from the N.W. ship under whole topsails and rounded steering N.E. Saw right whales at 9 A.M. and lowered four boats in chase to success. Latter part strong gales ship under close reefed main topsail. So ends this day.

Thursday September 27th 1855

This day commenced with strong gales and rugged weather from the N.W. ship under close reefed main and mizzen topsails steering N.W. At 12 A.M. drove ship heading W. by S. and set the fore topsail. Saw a sail. So ends this day.

Friday September 28th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the N.W. ship under all sail steering W. by N. At 6 A.M. left off S. After dinner saw right whales and lowered four boats in chase chased two hours with no success. Spike the ship Tiger Whaler of N.B. 460 bbls. So ends this day.

Saturday September 29th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the N.W. ship under all sail steering S. Middle part the same. Latter part steering S.W. So ends this day.

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Changes the day

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the S. and W. ship under all sail heading S.E. At 3 P.M. saw right whales and lowered four boats in chase: chased till dark with no success. Came aboard and took in sail. So ends this day.

Sunday September 30th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the W. by S. ship under all sail heading S. by W. At 7 A.M. spoke the Wm West, Ashby of N.B. 1200 bbls. At 3 P.M. saw right whales and lowered in chase to success. Came aboard at dark and took in sail. So ends this day.

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cruising in the Ochotsk Sea. T.N. Fisher

Monday Oct. 1st 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and cloudy weather from the S.E. by E. ship under all sail heading S.W. by W. At 2 P.M. spoke the Washington Hatter of N.B. 700 bbls this season. Came on with her till dark. Latter part strong breezes: double reefed the topsails and furlled the jib and mainsail. So ends this day.

Tuesday Oct. 2nd 1855

This day commenced with strong gales and rugged weather from the N.E. ship under close reefed main topsail heading S.E. Middle part the same with rain. At 5 P.M. squared the yards steering S.E. by E. wind from the N.W. by W. having moderated considerably. So ends this day.

Wednesday Oct. 3rd 1855

This day commenced with moderate breeze and pleasant weather from the N.W. by W. ship under all sail steering S.E. Sent up a foretopmast studding sail. Saw two dead whales of no good. Saw the land at 2 P.M. and kept off S.E. by E. Passed through the straits at dark round to port. So ends this day.

Thursday Oct. 4th 1855

This day commenced with strong breezes and rugged weather from the N.W. ship under all sail steering E. by N. Took in the broant, danty, and ornate. Middle part took in foretopmast studding sail. Strong breezes from the N.W. Unrove the cutting falls. Latter part moderate wind. So ends this day.

Friday Oct. 5th 1855

This day commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather from the W. ship under all sail steering E. Took up foretopgallant yard and sail, ornate, gallant studding sail, and lower fore studding sail. Sent down the foresail to mend it. Middle part wind from the N.W. Saw a sail. So ends this day.