

Ship Wm West of New Bedford E. R. Ashby

Saturday April 25th A. D. 1855

First part moderate gale from N. W. and squally some rain ship under close R. topsails saw a ship to windward middle and latter parts fine breeze from S. W. steering N. W. all sail out saw nothing So ends this day

Sunday April 26th

First part strong wind from S. W. by S. ship going by the wind under close R. topsails rainy weather middle and latter parts wider moderate breeze all sail the wind S. W. and rainy weather steering N. W. saw nothing So ends this day

Monday April 30th

This day first part fine breeze from S. W. by S. and rainy steering N. W. all sail out middle and latter parts strong breeze from N. W. and S. W. ship on both tack and S. R. topsails saw nothing the

Tuesday May 1st A. D. 1855

First part strong wind from S. W. and some overcast ship going N. W. by the wind saw nothing set up the cabin stove middle and latter parts light variable airs from S. E. and fine weather ship heading N. W. by W. all sail out saw nothing So ends this day

Wednesday May 2nd

First part strong a fine breeze from the E. ward sprung up set fore topmast heading sail and started N. W. saw nothing middle and latter parts strong wider from E. ward and overcast weather steering N. W. at 12 o'clock have two head S. by E. at 7 A.M. Leap off N. W. W. saw nothing

Thursday May 3rd

First part fine fresh breeze from E. ward steering N. W. at 3 P.M. raised Paramouchoir Island 1 point on our star bow at 6 P.M. entered the passage passed close to Chiniki, middle and light breeze and variable the ship making slow progress to N. W. the 4 islands of the in light nothing more So ends this day

Friday May 4th

First part light airs and pleasant the 4 passage islands in sight nothing more middle and latter parts fine breeze from S. E. and overcast nothing in sight steering N. W. at 7 A.M. began breaking out our oil broke out the star side of the main hold forward found 2 casks empty So ends this day

Master Near the Sea of Okhotsk May 1st 1855

Saturday May 5th 1855

First part fresh breeze from S. E. and pleasant steering N. W. by S. the ship under light sails nearly finished stowing off again saw nothing middle part light airs from S. E. ward and snow fell to the depth of 4 inches the first we have had latter part all hands employ in breaking out oil and coopering it So ends this day a little ice made in the shade

Sunday May 6th

First part pleasant weather and a breeze from N. E. ship working to N. W. ward finished stowing off the oil on the star side saw fin back middle and latter parts fine breeze from N. E. and pleasant weather ship on the down tack saw nothing So ends this day the first freezing weather we have had

Monday May 7th

First part fine weather and a light breeze from S. ward steering North saw nothing middle and latter parts light airs from E. S. E. and fine weather steering N. by E. saw nothing at 4 P.M. commenced breaking out on the star side found the oil in good order So ends this day

Tuesday May 8th 1855

All these 24 hours gentle airs from S. ward and fine weather steering N. by E. sent out our cutting stage saw nothing finished coopering the oil and stowed it off So ends this day

Wednesday May 9th

All this day light winds from S. ward and fine weather some overcast steering N. by E. saw nothing So ends this day

Thursday May 10th

All these 24 hours light airs from S. E. and hazy weather steering N. by E. at 8 A.M. raised a ship ahead at 9 A.M. raised Polar Whales the first we have seen lower 4 Boat to wait Boat struck and parted So ends this day



Friday May 11th

First part light airs from S. E. and pleasant snowy hazy weather at 3 P.M. the star boat struck and killed the whale at 7 P.M. got alongside and took and got them in finished at 12 o'clock middle and latter parts wind and weather much the same chased whale plenty in light could not get on So ends this day