

Ship. Wm Wirt of New Bedford E. K. Ashby

Friday May 25th A. D. 1855

First part fresh breeze from S.W. and overcast fog at intervals. Steaming toward by the wind spoke the Ship Empire 12 miles this season. 1100 Blb. Middle and latter parts variable winds from S.W. and ship on both tack a thick fog so ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 56.45
Long. by Chron 143.09 E.

Saturday May 26th

First part light air from S.W. and fog at intervals saw 1 ship nothing more. Middle and latter parts strong winds from S.E. and some fog ship working to S.E. W. at 11 A.M. raised ice and 2 ships so ends the day for the last 4 days it has been freezing weather.

Lat. by Obs. 56.32
Long. by Chron 142.14 E.



Saturday May 27th

First part strong wind from S.E. with rain foggy weather at 1 P.M. raised. Whale lowered 2 times saw plenty spoke the Ship Cortes 7 miles this season. Middle and latter parts strong winds from S.E. and thick overcast weather ship under short sail saw nothing so ends this day.

Sunday May 28th

This day strong winds and rainy foggy weather ship on both tacks saw nothing so ends this day.

Monday May 29th

All these moderate winds from S.E. and thick weather ship on both tacks saw several ships and ice no whales so ends this day.

Tuesday May 30th

All this day fresh breeze from S.E. and some fog ship sailing by. Gained with the S. E. Ch. Carroll of N. H. 4 miles this season heard of the loss of ship Enterprise and Kingfisher of N. H. on company. Isle Spok the Minerva and whale the Coral cleane the Daniel Wood 4 miles the Lewis 5 the latter part of this day light air the ship cruising in the ice. Saw no whales so ends this day.

Lat. by Obs. 56.30
Long. by Chron 143.00 E.

Thursday May 31st

This day first part fog at intervals and light breezes ship around the ice middle and latter parts fine breeze from S.W. and clear cold weather the ship working around ice saw St. Jonas Island and about 20 sail. No whale so ends this

Lat. by Obs. 56.40
Long. by Chron 143.15

Master Cruising in the Chatham Sea June 1855

Friday June 1st A. D. 1855

All this day fine breeze from N.E. and pleasant ship working among ice saw several bowheads and 5 times as many ships Jonas Isle bearing N.W. spoke the S. California 10 P.M. so ends this day.



Saturday June 2nd

These 24 hours light breezes and pleasant ship working among ice spoke the ship California and saw 7 whales at 10 A.M. sent 2 boats in the ice saw a whale outside about 20 ships in sight so ends this day.

St. Jonas Isl. Bear North 10 miles

Sunday June 3rd

All these 24 hours fine breezes from S.W. and pleasant ice and St. Jonas Island in sight at 7 P.M. spoke American of N. H. nothing this season so ends this day.

Monday June 4th

This day light breezes from N.E. and clear weather at intervals saw Jonas Isl. W. L. W. plant of ship and ice jammed with ice (Washington of Weymouth nothing seen so ends this day).

Tuesday June 5th

These 24 hours light breezes from S.W. and fog at intervals ship on both tacks saw plenty of ships and ice spoke the S. Covington of Warren nothing this season so ends this day.

Wednesday June 6th

All this day light breezes from S.W. ship on both tacks saw about 12 sails and ice the working to S.W. ward to weather of the ice the wind S.E. so ends this day.

Thursday June 7th

This day light breezes from S.W. and very little clear weather spoke the Coral Ohio 4 P.M. and George and Mary of N. H. 6 miles the ice about 1 mile to windward.

Friday June 8th

All this day light air and clear at short intervals ship on different tacks and a bark spoke several ships the Kofman clear so ends this day.

Saturday June 9th

This day light air from S.W. and very little clear weather heard ship all around us spoke the Ohio and J. Dickson and Cor. Howland 2. So ends this day.