

Journal of a Whaling Voyage to the North

Tuesday May 6th A.D. 1856

All this day fresh breeze at N.W. & pleasant steering by the wind to on both tacks saw several coasters at 3 P.M. run out of the Gulf Stream tack & stood in again to Ends
Lat. by Obs. 38° 45' N
Long. by Chron. 72° 22' W

Wednesday May 7th

All these 24 hours light breeze from E. by N. & fine sailing weather steering N.W. & all possible sail out at 6 P.M. saw a large school of Blackfish lowed & got 2 latter part killed the Blackfish at 12 meridian finished 1 1/2 bbls saw plenty of blackfish did not lower at 11 P.M. some rain so Ends this day
No Obs

Thursday May 8th

First part light from E. by S. & rainy overcast weather steering N. E. by N. the light sails in saw a number of coasters at 2 P.M. threw the 3rd Works overboard middle part light wind from E. by S. & rainy weather steering N. E. by compass hour two 3 hours latter part strong breeze & rainy overcast weather steering N.W. & spoke 2 Schooners who gave us a wrong course at 7 P.M. saw Long Island bearing N.W. & the ship & the wind wore ship to S.W. & the Land 4 miles distant the ship under S.W. top sail & courses so Ends this day
No Obs

Friday May 9th

First part moderate gale from East with thick rainy weather the ship on both tacks working along the land to E. by S. saw a number of coasters middle part at 10 P.M. a heavy gale from N.W. & N.E. the ship under S.W. top a close reefed main top sail at 2 P.M. the gale broke latter part made all sail the wind N.E. & thick fog saw nothing so Ends this day

Pacific Ocean in the Ship Wm. West by John T. Barstow

Saturday May 10th A.D. 1856

First part strong breeze from N.W. & thick weather the ship on the E. by N. tack saw 1 sail sounded 43 Guns at 4 P.M. S.W. top sail middle part strong breeze from S.W. & rainy overcast weather steering N.W. & under S.W. top sail at 10 P.M. set whole top sails & top gallant sail at 9 P.M. thick at entrance the fog light up at 9 P.M. saw land at 10 P.M. took a Pilot & found Gulf Stream E. N. E. 5 miles at 11 P.M. the wind came to N.W. & a fresh breeze made all sail & worked up the bay so Ends this day
No Obs

Sunday May 11th

First part strong wind from N.W. & overcast weather the ship under all sail working up the Bay 2 pilots on board at 8 P.M. let go the anchor off Clark's point Light & at 8 1/2 P.M. we got on shore having made the voyage in 31 months & 9 day & getting on the voyage

	Bbls.	Galls.
Sperm Oil	177	13
Whale "	2896	13
Bone "	44	750 lbs.
Amount of voyage	\$ 91,948, 00	