

Journal of a Whaling Voyage kept on board

Wednesday March 8

Fresh gales from the Eastward did not commence until at 4 PM, parted our fluke chain and lost our whale saw & steeple

Thursday March 9

Fresh gales from the Eastward laying too under a close reefed main topsail saw & sail

Friday March 10

Fresh gales from the Eastward laying too under storm sails

Saturday March 11

Fresh gales from the Eastward at 6 1/2 AM set double reefed fore and mizzen topsails at 4 PM took them in heaving to the weather

Sunday March 12

Fresh gales from the E to S at 5 PM took in the Bow Boat at 4 AM split the Foresail

Monday March 13

A heavy gale from the Southward laying too under storm sails

Tuesday March 14

Moderate gales and heavy swell from the Southward steering E by N under double reefed topsails. Broke out a new Foresail and bent it

Ship Sharon of Fair Haven

Wednesday March 15th 1843

Moderate breezes from the Southward steering E by N under all sail at 7 AM got out the Bow Boat employed in rising up the Foresail

Thursday March 16

Fresh winds from the Southward steering E by N at 5 1/2 PM raised the Squid one of the Curtiss Islands cut up our Spunker and made a close Mizzen

Friday March 17

Fresh breezes from the S E steering by the wind at 2 PM the wind increases took all sail to a close reefed main topsail land in sight I am 24 years old this day

Saturday March 18

Fresh gales from the Eastward laying too under storm sails nothing in sight at 4 PM reefed Sunday Island

Sunday March 19

Fresh breezes from the Eastward steering in for Sunday Island under close reefed topsails spoke the Barques Winstone 30 or 700 lbs and Counton Boat at 14 months out 4:00 both of New Bedford 2 more sails in sight

Monday March 20