

Remarks on board ship B. Williams, of Stonington.

from N.W. the weather overcast so ends. Lat 54° 11' N. Long 166° 04' W.

Monday May 12th, 1850.

Commences with fresh gales from N.W. steering by the wind heading S. the weather overcast, at 1 P.M. commenced moderating, thence we set topsails, mainsail & main topgalantail, at 3 P.M. we raised, whales, lowered without success, at 7 P.M. hoisted under close reefed main topsail & foresail, at 4 A.M. called all hands & set all sail steering N.W. the middle part calm, at 4 A.M. the wind breezed from S.W. the latter part fine breezes attended with fog squalls, at 8 A.M. lowered & chased whales without success, so ends, no observation.

Tuesday May 14th,

These 24 hours commence with fine breezes from S.W. attended with some fog, at 1 P.M. saw Bherings Is heading N.W. 6.25 miles distant, steering N.W. till 3 P.M. thence we lowered for whales without success, at 7 P.M. we spoke the barque Washington of Greenport, then we took in sail, lay the ship under close reefed main topsail & foresail heading S.W. thence fresh gales from S.W. attended with rain till 2 A.M. thence moderating the latter part moderate breezes from S. attended with fog, steering S.W. (this P.M. saw 6 whales) at 4 A.M. set all sails.

Lat 54° 25' N.

Wednesday May 15th,

Commences with moderate breezes from S. attended with fog, steering N.W. till 4 P.M. thence we took in sail heading by the wind S.W. fresh breezes till 2 A.M. thence moderate thick wet weather at 2 A.M. kept the ship off steering N.W. at 3 P.M. we set all sails, at 6 A.M. we spoke the barque North America of New London, thence steering N.W. by the wind S.W. at 10 A.M. passed ship Mary Theresa of New Bedford, saw 1 whale this A.M. Lat 50 A.M. we saw the land bearing N.W. about 15 miles distant, so ends, no observation.

Thursday May 16th,

These 24 hours commence with fine breezes from S.W. the weather overcast steering N.W. by S. till 6 P.M. thence took in sail heading N.W. under close reefed main topsail & foresail, thick fog & fresh breezes, at 2 A.M. we called all hands & set double reefed topsails steering N.W. at 11 o'clock A.M. we took in the mizzen topsail, the latter part fresh gales from S.W. attended with rain thus ends, no observation.

Friday May 17th, 1850.

All these 24 hours fresh gales from S.W. attended with fog & rain, the ship under double reefed main topsail, foresail, & mainsails making a N. course, no observation.

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Saturday May 18th, 1850.

All these 24 hours fresh gales from S.W. steering to S.W. the latter part wind S.W. the ship under double reefed main topsail & foresail till 4 A.M. making a N. course at 4 A.M. set double reefed fore & mizzen topsail heading N.W. till 11 A.M. thence tacked ship heading S. by S. then set the mainsail, thus ends.

Lat 58° 17' N. Long 166° 04' W.

Sunday May 19th

Commences with fresh gales from S.W. attended with frequent squalls of snow, steering by the wind heading S.W. at 4 P.M. we took in sail, the ship under close reefed main topsail & foresail till 6 o'clock A.M. thence we set double reefed topsails mainsail & fit heading S.W. at 9 A.M. no wind commenced veering to S.W. the weather foggy thus ends.

Lat 57° 42' N. Long 166° 46' W.

Monday May 20th,

These 24 hours moderate breezes from S.W. the weather overcast frequent light squalls of snow steering S.W. under full sail one ship in company to windward (at 1 P.M. we tacked ship) thus ends, no observation.

Tuesday May 21st

Commences with fine breezes from S.W. the weather overcast some fog steering S.W. under full sail till 1 P.M. thence we took in fore & mizzen topgalant-sails then lowered the two quarter & waist-boats for a whale, we chased till 4 P.M. thence hoisted boats steering S.W. till 10 P.M. thence the wind heading us off to N.W. till 2 A.M. thence veering back to S.W. & breezing, attended with snow at 10 A.M. took in the main topgalant sail heading S.W. steering by the wind thus ends, no observation.

Wednesday May 22nd, 1850.

These 24 hours commence with fresh gales from S.W. attended with snow, at 4 P.M. double reefed the topsails, steering by the wind heading S.W. till 4 P.M. thence tacked ship heading S. furled the mainsail & fit, also mizzen topsail at 6 A.M. set whole topsails mainsail & fit wind moderating, light snow, at 8 A.M. we tacked ship steering S.W. wind veering to S. fine breezes, at 9 A.M. set main topgalant sail, so ends.

Lat 59° 00' N.

Thursday May 23rd, 1850

Commences with fine breezes from S. veering to S.W. the weather overcast, steering S.W. till 6 P.M. thence N.W. by S. under all sail at 6 P.M. wind S.W. fresh breezes then furled the fit & mainsail the middle & latter part fine breezes, & pleasant, but cold weather, some ice & ships in company, this A.M. the whales employed at repairing the fore sail, thus ends.

Lat 54° 54' N. Long 173° 31' W.

Friday May 24th,

Commence with fine breezes from S.W. the weather clear