

Remarks on board ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Friday June 7th, 1850. These 24 hours commence with calm & pleasant weather excepting a few snow squalls, the middle & latter part, moderate baffling breezes from all points carrying all sail, 10 ships in sight cruising, also a sheet of ice about 3 miles to the north, steering N.W. the watches employed at trying oil thus ends.

Lat 62° 10' N. Long 181° 42' E.

Saturday June 8th, 1850.

These 24 hours moderate variable breezes from the eastward steering N. under all sail except mainsail a number of ships in sight this P.M. the watches employed trying oil, at 6 P.M. all hands commenced stowing down oil thus ends. fine weather.

Lat 63° N. Long 181° 57' E.

Sunday June 9th

Commence with fresh breezes from N.E. attended with fog steering by the wind heading N.W. till 8 P.M. then took in sail & were ship heading S.E. at 6 P.M. saw a number of polar whales also 5 ships, the watches this P.M. employed stowing down oil, at 5 P.M. the S. watch set all sail, the latter part moderate breezes from N.W. & pleasant weather at 8 P.M. we lowered the boats for whales, a plenty in sight but very shy, the S. quarter boat got far, the harpoons drew out, chasing whales, thus ends, no observation.

Monday June 10th, 1850.

All these 24 hours moderate breezes from N.W. the weather very pleasant excepting cold, at 6 P.M. decided haze & shadows from mast head bearing S.W. 30 miles Dist also in sight this A.M. some 30 miles Dist a plenty of whales going fast to N.E. & also, a plenty of ships, all of our have been chasing whales without success, so ends. no observation.

Tuesday June 11th

The first part fine breezes from N.W. the latter part rather fresh for whaleing, chasing wild whales all day excepting from 10 P.M. till 3 A.M. good clear weather at 7 P.M. Cape Thales bore S.W. by S. 30 Dist, a plenty of whales & ships in sight, at 11 o'clock A.M. the S. quarter boat struck a whale, but soon drew out, so ends. no observation.

Wednesday June 12th, 1850

These 24 hours commence with fresh breezes from N.W. moderating at 3 P.M. calm all of our boats of chasing whales till 1 P.M. without success, at 10 P.M. the waist boat lowered & chased a whale no success, at 6 A.M. we took a whale along side & commenced cutting it, the latter part calm, the weather pleasant, a few whales in sight, & a plenty of ships, so ends.

Thursday June 13th

Commences with calm & pleasant weather all hands employed

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yed at cutting whale, at 1 P.M. finished cutting, at 2 P.M. the wind veered from S.E. at 2 P.M. we lowered for whales, the S. quarter boats struck one which got loose in a few minutes, thence we came on board, at the same time thick fog set in at 2 P.M. started the works trying oil, the middle & latter part fresh gales from S.E. attended with fog, a plenty of whales & ships, the ship heading S.W. thus ends.

Lat 64° 06' N.

Friday June 14th, 1850.

These 24 hours fresh breezes from S.E. attended with fog, the ship under double reefed topsails & foresail heading S.W. till 8 P.M. thence were ship heading S.W. by S. the watches employed trying oil till 3 P.M. at 3 P.M. spoke the ship George of Stonington at 1 o'clock A.M. lowered the S. quarter boat & chased whales, fog is the trouble, this A.M. all hands stowing down oil, thus ends. No observation.

Saturday June 15th

Commences with fresh breezes from S.E. veering to S.W. at 4 P.M. the fog cleared away thence we lowered for whales the waist boat struck & saved, at 6 P.M. commenced at cutting the whale at 5 P.M. finished cutting, at 2 P.M. the Capt. lowered & chased whales till 6 P.M. no success, a plenty of whales around, the middle & latter part fresh gales from S.W. pleasant but cold weather at 6 P.M. the S. watch started the works trying oil, the ship under close reefed main topsail & foresail heading S.W. so ends.

Lat 64° 28' N.

Sunday June 16th

Commences with fresh gales from S.W. ship heading S.E. & under close reefed main topsail & foresail, till 6 P.M. thence were ship heading N.W. by W. till 6 P.M. thence we lowered for whales, each one of the quarter boats struck & saved the whales, at 11 P.M. took 1 along side the ship, trying oil, land in sight bearing N.W. by W. a plenty of whales, 3 ships in sight, so ends.

Lat 64° 33' N.

Monday June 17th, 1850.

Commences with moderate breezes from S.W. & pleasant weather, at 1 P.M. we commenced cutting the whale, at 4 o'clock P.M. we took the 2nd whale to the ship, at 7 P.M. finished cutting the whale, the ship heading S.E. under topsails, foresail & jib, having the 2nd whale in tow at 7 A.M. were ship heading N.E. by E. the wind veering to S.E. land in sight bearing S.W. by S. about 30 Dist at 1 P.M. fresh breezes attended with rain, this A.M. all hands employed stowing oil below, etc. this P.M. a plenty of whales in sight, some 5 ships in sight, thus ends. No observation.

Tuesday June 18th

These 24 hours commence with fresh breezes from S.E. attended with rain, at 9 P.M. the wind shifted to N.W. the ship heading S. under double reefed main topsail & foresail, all hands employed till 8 P.M. at stowing down oil & trying out, all hands employed this A.M. stowing down oil, the