

Remarks on board ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Monday July 1st 1850.

All these 24 hours fresh gales from N.E. attended with rain & snow: the ship under close reefed main topsail & foresail heading S.E. all hands employed till 7 P.M. at tying & stowing oil, thence we worked the tryworks, thus ends.

Tuesday July 2nd 1850.

These 24 hours fresh gales, ^{commencing} from N.E. & veering to E. the ship under close reefed main topsail & foresail heading S.E. till 11 A.M. thence wore ship heading N.W. & foggy weather so ends no observation.

Wednesday July 3rd

Commences with fresh gales from E. veering to N.W. the middle part moderate breezes, attended with light rain & fog the latter part calm, the ship heady eastward by the wind under close reefed main topsail & foresail, all hands employed till 2 P.M. stowing & tying oil, thence the watches tying oil, thus ends. No observation.

Thursday July 4th 1850.

These 24 hours commence with calm foggy weather at 3 P.M. the wind breezes from S.E. thence baffling to N.W. & the weather foggy, the ship under close reefed main topsail & foresail till 4 A.M. thence we set single reefed topsails, the ship heading S. till 12 M. thence wore ship heading N.W. the watches employed at tying oil, so ends. No observation.

Friday July 5th

Commences with moderate breezes from N.E. the weather foggy, the ship under single reefed topsails & jib & foresail heading to N.W. the latter part calm. The watches employed at tying & stowing oil, at 3 o'clock A.M. cooled the tryworks this A.M. the 2nd watch employed at stowing water, breaking out shooks, etc. thus ends.

Lat 63° 40' N. Long 177° 45' W.

Saturday July 6th 1850.

These 24 hours moderate breezes from N.E. the weather overcast, the ship under all sail, steering by the wind heading N.W. till 4 P.M. thence we lowered the boats for whales the 2nd quarter boat struck one, the bow boat & jib & parted the 2nd boat dived. the watches employed at stowing oil, at 7 A.M. the two quarter boats lowered for whales the 2nd quarter boat struck & saved, at 11 A.M. took the whale to the ship at 10 P.M. saw the land bearing N.W. about 35° Dist a plenty of whales in sight these 24 hours, also 2 ships, so ends. No observation.

Sunday July 7th 1850.

Begins with moderate breezes from N.W. at 2 A.M. calm, till 7 P.M. thence the wind breezes from N.W. all hands employed at cutting the whale, at 8 P.M. finished cutting, thence the ship heading N.W. under foresail & topsail, till 5 A.M. thence set the foretopsail & jib, at 6 P.M. started the

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tryworks, at 1 A.M. spoke the ship Master of New Bedford. a plenty of whales in sight going fast to N.W. at 7 A.M. the waist boat lowered & chased, 12 ships in sight so ends.

Lat 64° 15' N.

Monday July 8th 1850.

These 24 hours moderate breezes from N.W. steering to N.W. & under topsails jib & foresail, the watches employed tying oil at 2 P.M. the 2nd quarter boat lowered & chased whales, till 4 P.M. at 6 A.M. the 2nd quarter & waist boats lowered & chased till 9 P.M. at 9 A.M. lowered the quarter & waist boats & chased a whale till 11 A.M. whence the fog drove us on board, thus ends. no observation.

Tuesday, 9th of July, 1850.

Commences with calm weather attended with light fog at 7 P.M. lowered all the boats & chased whales till 10 P.M. the watches employed at tying oil till 1 o'clock A.M. then cooled the tryworks, at 11 A.M. the wind breezes from S.W. the latter part fresh gales, the weather overcast the ship under double reefed topsails & foresail heading to N.W. all hands employed this A.M. at stowing oil below, thus ends.

Wednesday July 10th 1850.

All these 24 hours fresh breezes from S.E. attended with frequent fog squalls, the ship under single reefed topsails & foresail & jib heading the first part to the S.W. the latter part to N.W. all hands employed till 8 P.M. & from 4 A.M. at stowing oil, thus ends.

Lat 64° 18' N. Long 175° 41' W.

Thursday July 11th 1850

Commences with fresh breezes from S.E. attended with frequent squalls of fog, the latter part moderate breezes from E. the ship under topsails, jib, & foresail steering to S.W. at 8 P.M. saw plenty whales to windward going fast to S.E. lowered 3 boats & chased till 10 P.M. this A.M. saw plenty whales, the two quarter & bow boats each one struck a whale without success, at 4 o'clock P.M. Tschultsoi Moss. bore E.N.E. 20° Dist thus ends.

Friday July 12th 1850.

Commences with moderate baffling breezes from the N.E. the weather overcast, the middle & latter part fine breezes N.W. steering to the eastward by the wind, at 2 A.M. the 2nd quarter & bow boats lowered for whales, the bow boat got fast, the whale took the line, the ship under topsails, thus ends.

No observation

Saturday July 13th 1850.

Commences with fresh breezes from N.E. the weather overcast, at 1 P.M. we kept the ship off steering S.W. till 6 P.M. thence we lowered for whales, the 2nd quarter boat struck, & the line got out off, the latter part moderate breezes from E. the weather overcast, steering N.W. under all sail, so ends.