

Remarks on board ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

from N.W. attended with rain & snow so ends. Lat 69° 11' N.

Tuesday Aug 13th, 1850. Begins with fresh breezes from N.W. the wind moderating, the weather overcast; at 2 P.M. set all sail, the ship cruising at 4 P.M. lowered the boats & chased 1 wild whale, at 6 hoisted boats, at 6 1/2 P.M. lowered & chased a number of whales, at 10 hoisted boats at 11 P.M. lowered & chased two whales at 10 hoisted boats at 11 P.M. spoke ship Mirais of Stonington 1200 lbs. thus ends.

Wednesday Aug 14th, 1850. Commences with moderate breezes veering to S.W. at 3 P.M. the wind commenced backing the middle & latter part fresh breezes from S.W. attended with light rain, the ship under double reefed topsails jib & foresail cruising, saw one whale going fast, at 11 P.M. spoke ship Alexander of New Bedford, thus ends. Lat 69° 25' N.

Thursday Aug 15th, 1850. The first part fresh breezes from S.W. attended with thick weather, the ship under double reefed topsails, jib & foresail, cruising for whales, the latter part moderate breezes from S.W. at 3 P.M. set all sail, at 7 P.M. lowered the boats & chased a number of whales no success thus ends.

Friday Aug 16th, 1850. All these 24 hours fine breezes & from S.W. the weather overcast, the boats off chasing whales till 2 P.M. at 6 P.M. lowered the boats & chased till 10 P.M. thence we took in fore & mizzen topsail & jib at 3 P.M. called all hands & set all sail, at 10 P.M. we lowered the boats struck & saved one whale, so ends.

Saturday Aug 17th, 1850. Begins with fine breezes from S.W. the ship under full sail till 1 P.M. the sea calmed down all sail, with the whale to the ship, the middle part fresh breezes from S.W. & using the latter part moderate & pleasant weather, at 8 P.M. finished cutting the whale; thence the watches employed trying oil, at 9 P.M. set double reefed main top sail & foresail, so ends. Lat 68° 21' N.

Sunday Aug 18th, 1850. All these 24 hours light air from S. the weather pleasant, the ship under topsails, jib & foresail cruising for whales, at 2 P.M. lowered & chased wild whales till 6 P.M. the watches employed at trying oil, some 25 ships in sight most all trying oil, so ends.

Monday Aug 19th, 1850. These 24 hours fine breezes from S. the weather good the ship under topsails jib & foresail cruising for whales, the boats chasing from 2 to 9 P.M. & from 6 o'clock A.M. trying out oil at the time, so ends.

Tuesday Aug 20th, 1850. Begins with fine breezes from S. the middle part fresh breezes, the latter part moderate breezes, the weather pleasant, at 7 P.M. we took a whale to the ship, thence took in sail, the ship under double reefed main topsail & foresail, heading E. the watches trying out oil, so ends.

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Wednesday Aug 21st, 1850. Begins with calm & pleasant weather at 3 P.M. the wind shifted from N.W. veering to the eastward, attended with fog, the latter part fine breezes from E. the weather overcast, the ship under double reefed main topsail & foresail, all hands employed till 6 this P.M. at cutting the whale & trying oil thence the watches employed at trying out oil so ends. Lat 68° 24' N. Long 174° 15' W.

Thursday Aug 22nd, 1850. Begins with fine breezes from E. veering to S.W. the middle & latter part fresh gales from S.W. the weather overcast, the ship under double reefed main topsail & foresail, heading E. till 9 P.M. then wore ship heading S.W. the watches employed at trying oil, so ends.

Friday Aug 23rd, 1850. Begins with fresh gales from S.W. the middle & latter part fine breezes from S.W. good weather, the ship under double reefed main topsail & foresail till 2 P.M. then set double reefed fore & mizzen topsail & jib, cruising at 4 P.M. finished trying at 6 P.M. all hands commenced at stowing down oil, at 9 P.M. the 2 quarter & waist boats lowered for whale, the 2 quarter boat struck & saved at 11 P.M. took the whale to the ship, thus ends. Lat 69° 08' N.

Saturday Aug 24th, 1850. These 24 hours fine breezes from S. the weather pleasant, the ship under double reefed main topsail heading E.S.E. all hands employed till 5 P.M. stowing down oil, & till 9 P.M. cutting the whale, then the watches trying oil, from 8 P.M. all hands employed stowing down oil, thus ends. Lat 69° 23' N. Long 173° 10' W.

Sunday Aug 25th, 1850. Commences with fine breezes from S. veering to S.W. the middle & latter part fresh gales from S.W. all hands employed till 6 P.M. at stowing & trying oil for them till 9 P.M. cutting the whale, thence wore ship heading W. under double reefed main topsail & foresail, the latter part the weather foggy, thus ends.

Monday Aug 26th, 1850. Begins with fresh breezes from S.W. veering to N.W. the weather foggy till 11 P.M. the latter part fine breezes from N.W. & pleasant weather, the watches employed at trying oil, at 4 P.M. the S. watch set fore topsail & jib at 10 P.M. we lowered the two quarter & waist boats for whales, a large number of whales in sight, thus ends.

Tuesday Aug 27th, 1850. These 24 hours fine breezes from N.W. the weather overcast & some part of the time foggy, at one P.M. we struck & saved a whale at 2 P.M. took the whale to the ship, thence the ship laying under close reefed main topsail, the watches trying oil, at 6 P.M. all hands commenced stowing oil, the ship heading S.W.

Wednesday Aug 28th, 1850. Commences with fine breezes from N.W. veering to N.E. the weather foggy, the latter part fresh gales from N.W. at 1 P.M. all hands commenced, & at 7 P.M. finished cutting the whale, the wore ship heading N.W. under close reefed main topsail & foresail, the watches employed at trying oil till 6 P.M. thence all hands stowing down oil thus ends.