

Journal kept on Board Barque Maria  
of New Bedford

Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 1858

at 6 a.m. took our anchors for sea and the  
wind West at 2 and all sail at 9 the wind  
was moderate at 12 calm so and the 24 hours

Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours begins with light air from  
S.W. and trying to get out of the Bay  
at 4 P.M. a breeze and at 6 calm &  
at 9 Day Squad Light in Light Boreing S.W.  
at 1 P.M. S.W. by 8. & calm. & at 18 a.m.  
run in for to find the pilot boat to take  
the pilot at 9 left the pilot and a strong  
breeze from N.W. & I squared the yards steering  
S.E. W. took in the foretop gallow sail and  
main sail & took the anchor on the bow  
& 2. fathoms so ends the 24 hours with a fine  
Breeze

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours begins with fresh & at 1 P.M.  
took in the main top gallow sail & reef the  
top sails and steering S.E. W. the middle part  
the same at 4. a.m. employed in getting ready  
for Whales and so ends the day

Lat 38-55-00

Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours begins with moderate breeze  
from N. & steering S.E. W. with 2 reefs in our  
top sails and employed at fitting the boat  
at 4 saw Blackfish the middle part moderate  
at 8 the wind from S. steering by the wind W. by S  
at 9 a.m. tack ship heading S.W. by E. & saw a plenty  
of fin backs so ends the day Lat 38-41-00

Long 71-44 W.

No Whales to day