

Journal
of a
Whaling voyage,
on board
the ship
Betsey Williams of Stonington.
Capt Franklin Hancock.
Per C. F.

June 20th 1849.

Our journal commences at 6 A.M. when the pilot came on board, & got the ship under way, & stood out to sea. At 8¹/₂ A.M. our second, & third, mates, & myself, & also some others of our crew, came on board, at the same time the pilot left the ship, a mile & a half to the southward of Fishers Island. At 10¹/₂ A.M. our Capt came on board, we then set all sail steering S. by E. with a fine breeze from S.W. & pleasant weather, thence all hands employed at unbending the chains & stowing them below, & at stowing the anchors on the bow. at 12 A.M. Montague Point bore N. W. by W. 5' Dist - thus ends.

June 21st 1849.

Commences with a fine breeze from S.W. & pleasant weather steering S. by E. per compass, at 1 P.M. we chas watches, & boat crews, the watches employed this P.M. at fitting boats. at 8¹/₂ P.M. the L. watch took in top-gallant sails. The watches this A.M. have been empl