

Date Wind Remarks etc. HMS TERROR in Chesapeake Bay

Tuesday October 18, 1814

WS 66 AM! Mod^{te} By^s & cloudy, at 4 D^oW^o. at 5³⁰ shortened in cable, at 6 weighed & made sail up the Chesapeake, Speed^m in C^o. at 6³⁰ in T. g^t sails & up Foresails. at 8 D^oW^o, sought sail & came too with the small bower in 12 fms. at 8³⁰ furled sails, at 9 ans^d 213. at 10³⁰ weighed & made sail. at 11³⁰ tacked ship, sent the gig ahead to sound. Noon Lt. wind. PM! mod^{te} & fine W^o. Ans^d sig^l of recall. Tack^d, spoke the Dragon, sent the black woman & children to Melfonore. Rec^d a pilot. at 3 ans^d to anchor immediately anchor^d with the small bower in 7 1/2 fms. at 4 D^oW^o Captain went on board the Dragon. at 4³⁰ Capt^m returned, weighed & made sail for Tillmans Island. at 6 D^oW^o. at 7 struck the ground in 2 1/4 fms & stuck fast. Hove all aback, got a ketch out to heave the ship off. got a stream anchor out. at 8 D^oW^o Mod^{te} & hazy. Hove the anchor home & sent it out again & hove ^a taut strain up on it. at 10 WNW down royal & top g^t yds. & struck royal mast. (12) Fresh By^s & squally.

Wednesday October 19, 1814

NNW AM! Fresh By^s & squally. at 5⁵⁰ made sig^l 364. Out boat to sound. Bent down royal masts & struck T. g^t masts. at 7 boats came from Dragon to assist us, at 8 more mod^{te}. at 9 came the Dragon's launch to assist us. Laid out the small bower with 2 cables an aid. Ans^d telegraph, if a ship should be sent to heave us off. Ans^d in the affirmative. To lighten us hove taut the Best Bower.

NNW WSW PM! Fresh By^s & squally at times. Emp^d getting out anchors & shells ^{for} to lighten the ship, a launch & a party of men from the Dragon assisting. at 4 D^oW^o. Boats emp^d taking shells to the Devastation. People at the capstan. Carried away the messenger got the stream up & brought it to D^o. Emp^d heaving in the Best Bower. up boats, at 8 squally. at 8⁴⁰ observed several blue lights, supposed to be from the boats of the Squad^m. Ans^d with three D^o. at intervals showed lights at the peak. at 10³⁰ came head to windward, slacked the cable, hove in 2 of D^o. at 12 a heavy squall ~~of~~ from NW which drove the ships head to south.