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Bound to the Ochotok
Monday April 16th 1849

Commenced calm. At 3 a light breeze sprang up from the SSE. Steering N.W. Saw a fishback and Grampack. At 5 Calm at 7 a lively wind from the N.W. with rain. Heading N.W. At 12 up to N.W. More ship to the N. Squalls. At 5 heavy squalls. Split the jib to pieces. Double reefed the top sails. Latter part bent a new jib and set it and set single reefed top sails. 37.33
162.15

Tuesday April 17th

Strong breeze from the N.W. Heading on under single reefed top sails jib and main sail. Saw a fishback. Middle part moderate. Set whole fore and main top sails. At 4 squalls. Latter part strong breeze from N.W. Reefed the fore top sail. 37.51
162.48

Wednesday April 18th

Strong breeze from the N.W. and ruffled. Heading on under whole main and single reefed fore top sails. At 11 did away calm. At 11 a light breeze from S.W. Steered N.W. At 12 set all sail. Latter part blowing on and dark cloudy weather. Sent down fore top 3 sail and mended it. Breezing. At 10 took in the top gal sail and fly jib. At 11 1/2 single reefed the top sails. 38.01
162.88

Thursday April 19th

Strong breeze from S.W. and dark cloudy weather. Steering under single reefed top sails. At 1 double reefed the top sails. At 3 took in the main top sail and main sail. Steering N.W. by N. Drizzly rain. At 4 took in the fore top sail. At 5 close reefed the main top sail. At 6 took in the fore sail and fore top main stay sail. A very bad sea on. At 6 1/2 shifted to the corner under a close reefed main top sail heading N.W. At 10 cleared up and hove haul to the N.W. At 12 shifted to the N.W. and moderated. Latter part at 7 set the fore sail. At 10 set double reefed top sails. 38.04
161.27

Friday April 20th

Strong breeze from the N.W. and ruffled. Heading on under double reefed top sails. At 1 set the jib and main sail. At 4 took in main sail. At 5 took in the jib. Middle part blowing heavy. At 5 began moderating. At 6 set single reefed top sails. jib and main sail. At 8 breezing on and hauling to the N.W. At 9 took in main sail. At 11 close reefed the main top sail and furled the jib. 38.08
161.47

Saturday April 21st

Blowing strong from S.W. and very ruffled. Heading N.W. under single reefed fore and main close reefed main top sails. At 1 sent down main top sail mend and at 2 put it again. Blowing heavy. At 4 hove to. At 5 set double reefed top sails. Middle part. At 6 hove to. Middle part N.W. by N. Latter part very ruffled. A half gale. 38.13
162.10

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Sunday April 22nd 1849

Blowing a moderate gale from the N.W. and very ruffled. Heading N.W. under a close reefed main, double reefed fore top sail and fore sail. Breezing on. At 3 took in the fore top sail and goods winged the fore sail. A smart gale. Middle part moderate. At 4 set the fore sail. At 5 set reefed top sails jib and main sail. Latter part moderate fast. Set all sail at 10. A light fog - no ss.

Monday April 23rd

Light air from the N.W. and smoky weather. All sail set heading N.W. At 11 calm. At 6 drizzly and a light breeze from the S.W. At 7 lound hauled to the S.E. and breezed on. Steering N.W. by N. Middle part breezing. At 2 took in the top sail and jib. At 3 double reefed the top sails. At 4 breezing on fast. Shortened sail to a close reefed main top sail and fore sail. Very heavy squalls. At 7 lound hauled to S.W. and moderated. At 8 hove to N.W. At 9 set reefed fore top sail. Moderate gale and thick drizzly.

Tuesday April 24th

Blowing a moderate gale from the S.W. with thick drizzly weather. Steering N.W. under a close reefed main double reefed fore top sail and fore sail. 12 took in fore top sail. At 2 goods winged the fore sail. At 5 furled it. Breezing on very heavy squalls from the N.W. Ship heading N.W. by N. Under heavy S.W. N.W. Snowed hail. At 12 lound N.W. and moderated. At 7 set the fore sail. A moderate gale. At 10 set reefed fore top sail. 45.01
161.50

Wednesday April 25th

A moderate gale from the N.W. Heading N.W. under double reefed top sails and fore sail. Saw Coats. At 12 took in main top sail. At 1 hove to the S.W. At 5 moderating. At 6 set the main top sail. At 10 set the main sail. At 4 set whole main top sail. Single reefed fore and main top sails and fly jib. At 11 1/2 hove ship to S.W. by N. 44.58
160.55

Thursday April 26th

Smart breeze from the N.W. by N. and good weather. Heading S.W. by N. under whole main single reefed fore and main top sails jib and main sail. Saw fishback. At 2 set all sail. Middle part light and little. Calm. Latter part calm. Saw Grampack. 44.47
160.19

Friday April 27th

Commenced with a calm. At 11 a light breeze sprang up from the S.E. Steered N.W. all sail set. Latter part smart breeze. At 10 dark haze weather. No ss. 45.25
158.51

Saturday April 28th

Smart breeze from the S.E. and dark haze weather. All sail set steering N.W. At 2 Rain. Breezing. Took in jib and main top 3 sail. At 8 took in top 3 sails and reefed main top sail. Snow squalls. At 1 set main top sail and fly jib. At 5 squalls. Took in fly jib and top 3 sail. At 8 set them again. At 11 took them in. Snow flurries. 46.15
155.35