

1874 Remarks on board Bk. Claire

Tuesday Aug 21st
 Comes in with fine weather and fine breeze from the westward. Bark on Starboard tack under all sail at sundown shortened sail at daylight wore ship and made sail latter part along winds from the Westward Bk on Port tack under Topsails, Courses, Gibb & Sprunker
 Lat 35.45
 Long 46.36

Wednesday Aug 22nd
 First part strong winds from W.N.W. Bk on Port tack under double reefs Gibb & Sprunker & Courses. Saw sprunkers & a large stick of timber bore a new Port Fore Brace middle and latter part high winds from West Bk on Starboard tack by the wind
 Lat 35.11
 Long 46.48

Thursday Aug 23rd
 Comes in with strong breeze from West Bk on Starboard tack by the wind under Double reefs Fore sail & Gibb saw at 4 P.M. a sail which appeared to be a whalmen middle and latter part calm saw one sail a whalmen Watch employed as usual
 Lat 35.10
 Long 46.32

Friday Aug 24th
 First part light airs and calm Bk under all sail working to the Westward the Whaler in sight at 4.20 P.M. the Capt. Coward and went to the ship the having hoisted her colors about 14 miles distant said Bk was the Louisa (Smith) 5 weeks out 230 bbls reports 15 ships to the S.W. doing nothing or about the same
 Lat 35.10
 Long 47.31

On the Western homing

Sat 25th
 Ship part strong breeze from W.N.W. Bk on Port tack under all sail at 3 P.M. took in the light sail and at 4 Double reefed the topsails the Louisa in sight saw one other sail
 Lat 37.29
 Long 48.44

Sund 26th
 Comes in with strong breeze from the westward and smoky weather at 3 P.M. came up gradually and strong wind veering into the northeast rained until 6 P.M. Barometer low secured everything for a gale, midday calm at daylight. Pulled up from the Eastward and began to trim wore ship and headed to the Northward under Double reefed Main top sail & Foresail at 4 wind veered into the S.E. stopped running & heeled on close reefed Main top sail & heeled the Foresail sent half the watch below for food.

Mon 27th
 Comes in with fresh breeze from S.W. Bk on Starboard tack under close reefed Main top sail & Foresail at 5 P.M. wore ship weather improving and Barometer rising middle part moderate latter part strong winds wore ship at daylight and set Double reefed Topsails, Courses Gibb & Sprunker one whaler in sight to windward saw 3 other sails
 Lat 38.44
 Long 48.34

Tuesday Aug 28th
 First part strong winds from S.W. Bk by the wind on Starboard tack under sail as above & sail in sight supposed them to be Whalers. Broke out Reef & Port Middle & latter part squally weather attended with heavy rain. No observation. Barometer well up.