

Ship Com. Morris of New Bedford

Friday Nov. 25th

Came in with strong gales from S.W. and drizzling rain - Ship by the wind lying to under close reefed main topsail - hove to at 4 A.M. having been running all night to the S.W. with moderate breezes increasing gradually to a gale - at 9 A.M. discovered that the rudder head was badly twisted or sprung and split nearly to the water's edge from the head - Wore ship and kept off to the S.E. with the hopes of getting into port before it gave out altogether - all day gale increasing at 5 P.M. wind came out suddenly to the N.W. blowing and raining very heavy indeed - ship running under bare poles - steering direct before the wind in order to ease the rudder - all night very heavy squalls with thunder and lightning - Lat at Mord. 40.14
Long by Chron. 34.36

Saturday Nov. 26th

First part blowing a regular hurricane in squalls with much rain and heavy thunder and sharp lightning - at 4 A.M. came to the wind heading N.E. by N. with nothing but main spancer and foretopmast stay sail set - shipping much water - in the morning found the rudder stock had weakened considerably during the night - got up two hawsers and secured one end of each to the after part of the rudder and lead them in on each quarter to be worked with till kept ship off and run until 10 then came to the wind - shipped some very heavy seas washed away bulwarks, casks, and doing a great deal of damage - One man David Stephens was considerably injured by a cask or other object

In The North Atlantic Ocean

Striking him on the shoulder - picked him up in a helpless condition - after the ship came to the wind, set ~~taught~~ taut the quarter tables and steadied the rudder the best we could - still blowing a terrific gale with a tremendous sea so found all our boat gear such as Davit beacons, cranes, slide boards &c weakening very much by the constant heavy strain upon them, the boats being hoisted to the Davit heads and the ship rolling so very heavy at sunset the gale had abated a little but not enough to attempt running - all night heavy squalls of rain and hail - Lat at Mord. 40.14
Long by Chron. 34.36

Sunday Nov. 27th

Came in with a heavy gale from N.W. with squalls of rain - the sea still being heavy but more regular than yesterday - found that the hawsers and tables upon the rudder steadied it very much - at 1/2 kept ship off to the S.E. and steered without using the tables and hawsers - at 10 A.M. set foresail at 11 set main topsail - the weather moderating and sea getting smoother - in the P.M. made more sail and by set of sun had main topgall sail on, the weather still looking very unsettled - found that by carrying moderate sail and prudent management in steering by not holding a stiff wheel and carrying forward sail we could get along without wrenching or twisting the rudder head very much by favoring of which we are in hopes of reaching port before it gives out altogether - David Stephens is rather easier and got Mr. Francis came on deck to duty -

Lat at Mord 40.05

Long by Chron. 34.10

at Heavy Gale