

Sark Congares New Bedford Bound to New
Bedford

Friday, May 22nd 1863

First part light winds from N.E. course S.W. by
compass all sail set at 9 Am. sent down the Mizzens
Topmast & lashed it on deck. Middle part strong winds
from N.E. & thick rising weather. Latter part the
same at 5 P.M. the wind hauled to the South E
& began to blow to gale took in sail to a close reefed
Main Top sail & Fore sail. Move the ship to heading
S.S.W. by the wind at Meridian blowing a very
heavy gale tried the pumps got 250 strokes & ends

Saturday May 23rd

First part heavy gales from S.E. Ship hove to
on Starboard tack at 10 Am. wind let go all at once
to a calm the ship rolling & tumbling very badly
we set the Fore sail to steady her. Middle part the
wind began to blow at 4 P.M. it blew a hurricane
from S.E. to S.S.E. the ship lying to under a close
reefed Main Top sail & Fore Topmast Star sail &
Main Spencer on Starboard tack heading S.W. & S.S.W.
latter part the same ship laboring very hard tide
the pumps found the ship had not made any more
water than usual 240 strokes at 11 o'clock at night
tride the pumps again found she made more
water got 300 strokes in 4 hours so ends this day
No obs

New Bedford in 1863 Western J Swift Master

Friday

Sunday, May 24th 1863

First part heavy gales from S.E. to S.S.E. heading
heading S.S.W. by the wind under a close reefed
Main Top sail Fore Topmast Star sail with a heavy sea
running at 3 o'clock in the morning shipped a large
sea which broke into the ship Fore and aft sweep away
two boats one over the trivorks the other on the
Starboard Cranes taking with them the Davis-
Munkie rail on the Starboard & Starboard side from
the Main rigging aft also taking cabin doors &
partial work cleared the deck & tried the pumps
immediately & found the ship to be leaking
400 strokes per hour at daylight the wind has
hauled to a strong gale at 4 moderate gale ship
leaking 450 strokes per hour latter part moderate
gales from S.E. have taken Starboard tack heading
S.S.W. we commenced to over haul we found
Forward of the mainmast one of the heavy deck
beams broken down the post at adrift the bags
stopping in old rags to keep from getting wet
also the upper deck has settled 3 or 4 inches also
leaks very bad the deck Forward has raised about
4 inches around the Fore mast cabin works bad
also leaks very much the Commissions around the
the Main Mast has raised up about 3 inches
we also found the Secois on the Cabin deck very
much opened the gale fresh from S.E. we also took
a look down in the hold we found one cask
of oil stoven it was basted & had not moved but
the deck had settle so much that it flattened
the cask so the the head dropped out the iron railing
around the poop deck is at adrift our rigging got
damaged badly by the deck heaving the Captain held
a council with the officers & we thought it best
to run her into port we then wore ship & set
close reefes & Fore sail heading N.E. ship
leaking 350 per hour so ends this day

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