

Ship Courier from Tahiti Towards New Bedford in 1842

Sunday May 15th Commences with a moderate breeze from the S.W. with fair weather steering N.E. half past 9 P.M. passed the bark within a mile at 11 the wind halled to the N.W. halled in the standing sails and braced up took in the Fore & Main Top Gallant Sails middle part moderate breezes with showers of rain wind from N.W. to N.N.W. latter part moderate breezes from N.N.W. to North all necessary sail set by the wind to the best advantage cloudy weather saw the above Bark a steam. so ends No Obsⁿ Lat about 50° 11 Long 64° 30 West.

Monday May 16th Commences with a moderate breeze from the N.W. with pleasant weather steering N.E. by N middle part brisk winds from N.W. to North with cloudy weather took in the Fore and Main T & Sails at 8 A.M. put one reef in the Main Top Sail at 8 put one reef in the Main at the N.E. S. over it at 10 took in the M T & S at 12 put 2 reefs in the Fore Top Sail so ends with a moderate gale from the North heading up N.E. and off E.N.E. over east weather No Observation.

Tuesday May 17th Commences with a moderate gale from the North with thick weather at 1 P.M. put another reef in the Main Top Sails took in the Main Sail middle part more moderate but a thick fog at 3 A.M. set the Main Sail at 9 A.M. turned one reef out of the Top Sails set the M T & S at 12 turned the other reef out of the Fore Top Sail set the Fore T & S Sail so ends with a very thick fog No Observation.

Wednesday May 18th Commences with a brisk wind from the N.W. with thick foggy weather steering by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard at 5 P.M. the wind began to veer to the Westward at 11 it got round to the S.W. and continued there kept the Ship N.N.E. latter part brisk winds with pleasant weather steering N.E. by E with all the standing sails set so ends these 24 hours

Lat by Obsⁿ 50° 00 Long by Ch^t 64° 02

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Thursday May 19th First part of these 24 hours brisk winds from the N.W. with pleasant weather steering N.E. by E with all drawing sail set to the best advantage at 10 P.M. the wind halled to the N.W. halled in the standing sails middle part brisk winds at 7 A.M. the wind veered to West set the Fore Topmast Fore & Main T & S standing sails latter part more moderate with smoky weather so ends these 24 hours

Lat by Obsⁿ 50° 44 Long by Ch^t 51° 49

Friday May 20th Commences with a moderate breeze from the N.W. with fair weather steering N.E. by E with all drawing sail set at 7 P.M. the wind left us at half past 8 took a very light breeze from the N.N.W. middle part cloudy at 3 A.M. the wind halled to the N.N.E. lashed to the N.W. latter part moderate breezes from N.N.W. to North at 11 A.M. lashed Ship to the Eastward took in the Fore & Main Top Sails thick dirty weather so ends No Observation.

Lat by DR 49° 51 South Long in 51° 07 West.

Saturday May 21st Commences with a brisk wind at North with thick rainy weather steering by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard at 4 P.M. the wind halled to the N.N.E. veered Ship at 5 P.M. put one reef in the Main Top Sail and 2 in the Fore at 7 the wind moderated and veered to the N.W. wore Ship turned the reef out set the Main T & S Sail middle part moderate breezes from N.W. with thick weather heading up N.N.E. with all sail set latter part brisk winds as much as we wanted for the Top Gallant Sails with fair weather so ends Lat by Obsⁿ 48° 36 Long by Ch^t 51° 30

Sunday May 22nd Commences with a brisk wind from the N.W. with cloudy weather steering by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard heading up N.E. by E Fore & Main T & S Sails furled at 4 P.M. the wind moderated at the N.E. S. middle part wind from West to N.W. at 3 A.M. set the Fore Topmast standing sail & Main roy ab at 7 put a patch on the Main T & S and set it latter part moderate breezes with cloudy weather steering N.E. by E just a slick gulf wind from the North West.

Lat by a poor Obsⁿ 46° 22 Long about 48 West.