

Remarks On Board the Ship Eric of Fairhaven

Thursday May 5th A.D. 1853

First part strong wind from N. by E. and a heavy sea steering S. by E. under D. No. Top sails saw nothing Middle and Latten part strong wind at N. and main ship going S. by E. and while top sails main top-gallant sail a heavy swell on Thus Ends this day

Le. Obs.

Friday May 6th 1853

First part a heavy Gale from N. by E. and much rain a very bad swell the ship ascending before the gale at 3 P.M. have to head to S. by E. under D. No. main top-sail Middle part blows hard from N. by E. at 11 o'clock wind died away and hauler to S. by E. Latten part light air from S. by E. a heavy swell from N. at 7 were ship to N. all weather clear nothing Thus Ends this day

Leath. Obs. 53-17 S. Long. Obs. 79-27 W.

Saturday May 7th 1853

First part were ship to S. by E. wind hauler to S. by E. steering S. by E. all sail set saw a ship steering S. by E. this night closes with a strong wind from N. by E. Middle part blows most tremendously from N. by E. and W. wind. Ship under close reefed fore and main top-sails fore sail steering S. by E. a very bad sea. Latten part moderate gales from N. by E. and clear steering S. by E. all sail set Thus Ends this day

Leath. Obs. 53-30 S. Long. Obs. 76-25 W.

Sunday May 8th 1853

First part moderate wind from N. by E. the barometer low at 1 P.M. strong gale at N. by E. took top gallant sails and D. No. top sail steering East Middle and Latten part strong gales from N. by E. a very heavy swell ship going S. by E. under D. No. top sails at 7 P.M. took in Mizzen top-sail the weather abate Thus Ends this day

Leath. Obs. 52-53 S. Long. Obs. 73-31 W.

May 1853

While On her Passage round Cape Horn bound Home

Monday May 9th A.D. 1853

First part a strong gale at North and a most tremendous swell at 1 P.M. was obliged to have to take in fore sail fore top-sail and also reefed the main top-sail head N. by E. wind Middle part strong gale at N. by E. and a heavy sea ship have to head N. by E. wind Latten part moderate Cape Horn breeze at N. by E. at 10 AM keep off E. by S. set single reefed top sail main top-gallant Thus Ends this day

Leath. Obs. 57-34 S. Long. Obs. 70-22 W.

Tuesday May 10th 1853

First part brisk gales and heavy squalls at N. by E. overcast weather ship and top sail and main top-gallant sail at 10 P.M. blows very hard in squalls took in all sail except a close reefed main top-sail a stay-sails and have two heads N. Middle part strong wind at N. by E. at 10 P.M. keep off E. by S. under D. No. top sails 4 P.M. set main top-gallant sail single reefed main top sail Latten part at 11 P.M. came very near running into a ship have to head N. by S. Latten part at 10 P.M. heavy squalls from N. took in main top-sail and D. No. main top-sail. D. reefed the main sail at 11 P.M. saw 2 ships heading to South Thus Ends this day

Leath. Obs. 58-04 S. Long. Obs. 66-20 W.

Wednesday May 11th 1853

First part moderate breeze at N. by E. and clear cold weather. Steering S. by E. saw a ship and exchanged signals with her at 7 P.M. set main J. S. sail Middle and Latten part brisk breeze at N. by E. steering S. by E. at 2 P.M. very variation at 6 AM. set whole top-sail and main J. S. sail saw nothing

Leath. Obs. 59-66 S. Long. Obs. 62-36 W.

Thursday May 10th 1853

At 10 AM we crossed the Meridian of the Horn steering N. by E. wind N. and South by ship under double reefed top-sail we being in the Atlantic Ocean bound Home the land rose at 8 hours 30 mins and sets at 3 hours 30 minutes