

## Journal on board

S.P.O. 11 October 1872

Monday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>

A strong breeze from the South was on the starboard tack under close reefed topsails and no mast-heads. Three sails in sight from deck the Mars one of the number

Tuesday Oct. 22

A pretty good breeze from the South but we put a little more sail on and men were sent aloft to look for whales but without success. Jammed the Mars

Wednesday Oct. 23

A south wind

Thursday Oct. 24

No men aloft today. This is just the weather to suit. Find a dry warm place on deck and reel: sew: smoke: chew: spin: yarns: scribble: or anything else

Friday Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>

The same kind of weather that it has been for the past week with to do except watch the merchant ships running across our bow and stern. It was truly a source of amusement and a pretty sight for there was a great number of them and then that had masts to say "go ahead" was plainly distinguished from others and then was great difference in their sail or rather loading would require

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Saturday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>

Just like any other Saturday

Sunday Oct. 27

And this day has been just like other days of the past week in every respect. masts: a part of the day, under close reefed topsails and fore sail: and a great number of merchant vessels passing us

Monday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>

Dull times now. our clothes are all washed and mended. and we are ready for better weather and more oil but neither come. this morning we set the main topmast staysail but before noon the stay parted and of course let the sail down I think our luck is over for this season

Thursday Oct. 29

The weather is at last getting better. less wind and more sunshine men aloft all day but nothing to be seen but firebacks and thumpbacks

Friday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>

A good breeze from the S.W. was on the starboard tack heading E.S.E. our work today was sewing sail. nothing in sight Lat 34° 43' N Lon 74° 22' W

Saturday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

Good weather with a light S.E. wind was on the port tack under short sail heading S.S.W. hundreds of firebacks and thumpbacks in sight and one sail Lat 34° 54' N Lon 74° 18' W