

Journal on board

S.P.O. April 1873

Sunday Apr. 27th

On the port tack and heading N. N. W. with main top gallant sail and courses set. a little rain which by the way is not at all agreeable with this wind. at noon wore ship and headed S by W.

Lat. 38° 19 min Lon. 78° 8 min

Monday Apr 28

Wore ship again this morning and headed N. N. W. no look-outs. was under top sails and courses. in the afternoon double reefed

Lat. 38° 16 min Lon. 76° 8 min

Tuesday Apr. 29th

Good weather. was on the starboard tack heading S. E. by E. under top gallant sails no look-outs today and as far as I am concerned I don't care whether I ever have to go up to look for whales or not. Lat. 38° 29 Lon. 75° 55

Wednesday 30th

Rainy and squally. the greater part of the day was here to under double reefed topsails the greater part of the day. course S. W. by S. this is the way we go home a fair wind for a week and have made but little more than 3 degrees I prophesy a long passage.

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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May 1873

Thursday May 1st

Nearly calm this morning but the wind gradually grew stronger from the N. and now we are going nicely under fore and main royal.

Lat. 41° 35 min Lon. 76° 50 min

Friday May 2^d

On the morning set everything that would draw. but we did not have much wind until after four P.M. Lat. 43° 35 min Lon. 77° 49 min

Saturday May 3^d

A light breeze from the S. W. rendered it impossible to proceed on our course. and before noon it was calm which rendered it impossible to proceed at all. course S.

Lat. 45° 45 min Lon. 77° W.

Sunday May 4th

A good North wind. but it really does not seem much like going home. for as soon as we get a breeze it is shorten sail. in the dogwatch after supper tonight just before eight bells the order was given to clew down and double reef the main top sail and with six light men to reef a new sail took some time long enough to get wet to the skin. the oil clothes we got from Phil Stocum & Co. being pretty well played out.

Lat. 47° 39 min Lon. 78° W.