

Journal on board

S.A.C. May 18th 73Saturday May 17th

Was running until three P.M. when all hands were called to take in foresail and main topsail and heave to. so now we are hove to under maintop sail and fore staysail this "All hands" is a most holeful sound and it is not particularly pleasant to turn out of a warm bunk to go on deck in the sleet and rain

Sunday May 18th

Swung off to the breeze - for it was no longer a gale. this morning and kept making sail piece by piece until we found main-top sail set. our course today was N. Lat. 52° 18' min Lon. 56° 24' min

Monday May 19

Good weather with a light breeze from the S.E. and for the sail we had set we was going along nicely but in the other watch - Port - they are always taking in sail. the "blow-hards" are easily found out and it has been truly said that "words uttered in storms are forgotten in calms" - applied to our chief officer - Lat 50° 5' min Lon 56°

Tuesday May 20th

Light winds Lat 44° 46' min

Wednesday May 21st

Calm during the day, but at night had a light breeze from the S.W. but did not show more than double reefed topsails

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Thursday May 22

Hove to until four P.M. then set a reefed foresail and run until four then hove to again

Friday May 23^d

All hands were called this morning to furl the maintop sail. got us up then and while clewing it up, rolled the lee rail under and kept the men at the lee chumlines under water it seemed to me about two minutes I found it very cold under there and was glad enough to see daylight again. the starboard boat was carried away. they then concluded to set it again which we accordingly did. this is the times we have been called to help the Port watch. I think we would get along better if the watch leader was kept below not to say at least 20 days quicker

Saturday May 24

A nice west wind and our course N.E. by E. under fore and main to yards Lat. 45° 13' min L. 46° 14' min

Sunday May 25th

A nice fair wind today but we did not set another stretch of sail for it we will have something besides nice breezes by and by Lat. 42° 30' min