

Journal on board

S.A.O. 1 May 1873

Tuesday May 28
Hove to until noon when
we made sail and steered N.N.E.

Wednesday May 29
A fine breeze from the S.W. our
royals were set down about a
week ago, so we could not of course
set them but everything else was
set. Lat. $40^{\circ} 5'$ min Lon 30°

Thursday May 30
A good blow today. was hove to
under close reefed main topsail
and fore staysail. Now for it

Thursday May 31
A fearful blow today. and a
bad sea. our first officer gave up
all hopes of seeing home again
and stood no watch. of which
fear was the cause. no rolling
motion to the ship she just
lay over and tumbled

Friday May 31st
A good breeze today spunk was
actually got up to set main to
go sail. but over reefed topsails
and that taken in when night
came. Lat $37^{\circ} 39'$ min Lon $39^{\circ} 30'$ min

Saturday May 31st
Such work! going home do they
say? One would think some
awful fate awaited us then to
see us going. as it really ought
to some of our crew a month
from port and this morning
was the first proper nap I have
had my watch on deck and that
in the ballast locker

Bark Alfred Gibbs

S.A.O. June 1873

Sunday June 1st
A such a day I never saw. a
violent gale. and I confess to
feeling a little uneasy and don't
think I was the only one. was
running all day and to hove
to would have been to lose
a main topsail and likely the
masts so the knowins ones say
and it looks very likely N.E.

Monday June 2nd
Hove to before 12 last night but
started again this morning
course N.E. under all sail
Lat $34^{\circ} 27'$ min

Tuesday June 3rd
A nice day. this morning we
could not head our course but
she gradually came up until she
headed N. by E. when we held on
Lat $33^{\circ} 30'$ min

Wednesday June 4th
Our breeze holds out yet but
we don't make the most of
it. royals would draw but
not on deck. although I must
give them great credit for
setting to by all sails course
N. by E. Lat $30^{\circ} 43'$ min

Thursday June 5th
Very light was the wind but
we were going along very nicely
a full rigged ship passed us
very close this morning. closer per-
haps than she would had we
seen her sooner. Lat $28^{\circ} 20'$ min