

Schooner Mattie E Smith of Edgartown

Friday July 27th

Commenced with light breezes from S.E. Smooth sea, Course E.N.E. & S.W. one sail in sight finished making Scrap Strainer & all sail out saw dolphin, Cornit getting rather dim & Raining some above the North Star through the Night & latter part standing to the South saw 2 sails Lat 30-39 North Long 50-09 West

Saturday July 30th

Fresh breeze from E.S.E. Course N.E. two Whale men & one Merchant man in sight saw Mergines a kind of Black Fish saw a Schooner speak a Merchant man Run off some, at dark took in sail heading S.S.E. set Main Tysail at day light were ship to N.E. at 9 A.M. saw 2 sails to Eastward at noon set main sail Lat 31-55 North Long 50-11 West

Sunday July 31st

Fresh breeze from Eastward ship heading N.N.E. made all sail saw a Bark to S.E. cutting saw 2 sails at dark took in mainsail latter part light breezes from N.E. steered S.S.E. saw 2 sails Lat 30-30 North Long 50-01 West

Monday August 1st

Commenced with moderate breezes from North to N.N.W. steered W. at 3 P.M. spoke & sent Boat for papers Schooner S. C. Hayes of Newburyport 12 days from Boston bound to Gayum with general cargo at 4 P.M. spoke & gamed with Bark Bartholomew Esmond, Pool, of New Bedford, 3 months out Cleen, at 8 P.M. took in mainsail & set Tysail Raining heading up N.E. by N. latter part strong breezes from N. to N.N.W. steered to Westward saw Bark Esmond standing Eastward

Lat 31-50 North
Long 50-00 West

Benjamin T Nickerson Master A.D. 1881

Tuesday August 2nd

Commenced with strong N.E. breezes & some swell Schooner heading N.N.W. fore sail jib & Tysail at sun down were ship to Eastward took in fore sail set fore Tysail latter part steering S.S.E. one Bark in sight made floops for Topsails &c Lat 31-30 North

Wednesday August 3rd

Fresh breeze from N.N.E. steered S.W. to N.W. crying saw one Bark to N.N.W. at dark took in fore sail set Tysail through night heading N.W. at day light made sail steered S.E. by S. Bark Bartholomew Esmond in sight to North saw white water at 9 A.M. but saw no more Lat 30-50 North

Thursday August 4th

Fresh breeze from N.E. & broken weather Course S.E. by S. all sail set at dark took in all but jib & set 2 Tysails, left to wind S.E. & latter part made sail steering N. by E. wind fresh from E.N.E. set up Main Rizen &c caught 2 dolphins Lat 30-43 North

Friday August 5th

Fresh breeze & N.E. standing S.E. narrowly employed with ship's duty at dark tacked to N.N.E. took in all but Main Tysail & jib latter part made all sail rather more moderate employed fitting topsails &c Lat 31-20 North

Saturday August 6th

Squally weather wind N.E. to E.S.E. at 4 P.M. saw a Brig steering South, took in light sails at 5 P.M. parted Masthugale back chum & shaker & set it up again set Main Tysail took Bonit off jib & furled fore sail mid & latter part plenty rain thick weather set fore sail & flying jib broke out bread &c wind E.N.E. Schooner heading to the North Lat 32-00 North

Long 50-37 West