

Schooner Mattie E Smith Edgar Town
Wednesday August 17th

Strong Breezes Rain & Rugged weather from
E S E Stared North Main Try sail & Keel
gill set at dusk came to wind & Stab tack
& made all snug a possible at 4 A.M.
Blowing strong hauled down gill and Bobbed
it 3 hanks out lowered Main Try sail & made
it small as we could, took Sails & Carport of the Boat
at 7:30. Blowing a Hurricane Mast & Bow Boat
filled with water & broke to pieces taking one Tavit
& exchanging 2 Beavers Lab Boat soon followed
Schooner Ties by on Beam Ends decks full
Water & water enough in hold to float Chest
in stowage hauled down Try sail vessel did
not right Captain ordered the Masts cut away
Main Mast broke about 10 feet above deck Fore Mast
Tripped from the step tore up the deck on starboard
from wind lay to Try works about 20 feet square
Schooner rited cut some holes in hull works made a
drag of cutting Stage gill & flying gill Beavers
Main Boom broke in the middle Stern Boat Rode
up (we cut her adrift to save the Stern which is
badly shattura about 8 A.M. we lost the masts wind
N E, at 12 a little more moderate Pumping clearing
the deck

Thursday August 18th

Our course from N E to W S W cut off fore mast & got
the Tavit on deck got the water out and Cole from
Pump about 5 P.M. got something to eat Stopped
the Hole in the deck best we could with lumps
& Sails latter part Rough Sea Schooner rolling
badly wind S W but moderate lashed
a part of Main Boom to Stump of Main
Mast for jury mast took in peace gill Boom
Clearing here & e

Lat 30:46 North
Long 51:43 West

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Friday August 19th

light Breezes from S.W. took in drag fether rig
to jury mast set tow Boat Sails. picked up
Some things Belonging to Lab Boat Lances & pins
at dusk set Main Try sail on a stay from jury
mast to Night Heads Tack uppermost through
the night plenty thunder & light ning. Set 3 lights
latter part Rugged Sea vessel rolling Builby took
the Coal out fore peak threw it over board to
get a chance to stop a jury mast of fore Boom
ready to put in for fore Mast Cleared a way
some of the head gear & e

Lat 31:00 North

Saturday August 20th

Long 51:47 West

Commenced rough sea hazy weather at 3 P.M. more
moderate put fore Boom in fore mast made rig
out of cutting Guys got through setting up at 8 P.M.
No stowage way on the vessel wind South by West
moderate mild & latter part light breezes from
South some Sea put a piece fore mast along
side fore boom below decks lashed Sampson
post above decks sent up fore gaff for top m
ast for ward

Lat 31:08 North

Long 51:47 West

Sunday August 21st

light breezes from S Ship heading E to E S E set
flying gill & Boat Sails and were round to S W by
W and had stowage way at dusk through Night
steering S W by W wind S E & working round to Eastward
at daylight Commenced work on mast rig on & sails
pumped Ship & e

Lat 30:49 North

Long 52:07 West

Monday August 22nd

Good weather light breeze from Eastward Course
West by South with all the Boat Sails & try Sails
Working on rig on & Sails at 9 P.M. Saw a light
to the S S W. and followed it all Night it
proved to be Schooner Mazy E Simmons of
New Bedford we boarded her & Captain Manly
came on Board with us at 10 A.M. Saw holes
from the Simmons & Capt left to go for them