

Schooner Mattie E. Smith Edgartown
Tuesday August 30th

Commenced with strong breezes from E. N. E.
Some Flying Clouds took in 2 Boat sails
let the other stand with 2 Try sails & gill set
5 P.M. Calked put on tarpaulin Bared down
the Hatches Course W. N. W. Shiped some water
Made all snug as possible at mid night wind
changed to N. E. blowing fresh gale at 11 Saw
a Brig standing to the South at 4 A.M. saw the
light on Bermuda at day light saw the
Light House at 7 the light house bore W. S. W.
about 12 miles off saw the Land fresh gale and
rough sea ship ping lots of water fore & aft
Course N. W. by N Try sails & gill at 10 A.M. No
land in sight & strong gale & rough sea

Wednesday August 31st Long 65° 42' West
Strong gale from N. E. rough sea. Some cloudy
Our Longitude is about 40 miles to the West of ship
by Chromometer, Course N. W. by N Try sails & gill set
Ship considerable water, decks leak badly Pump often
Latter part more moderate wind about
N. E. by N smoother sea made a start & put it
up fore and the House set Boat sail on it. We
have got 3 Boat sails Fore & Main Try sails &
Fore stay sail and gill set 5 Masted Schooner
We have carried a way all the Booms to Boat sails
& fished them again. Noon quite moderate

Thursday September 1st Long 67° 39' West
Moderate breezes from N. E. by N some flying clouds
Course N. W. all sail out Put some chocks around the
Fore mast set up Fore & gill stays trimming sails &c
Antone Lombardi goes on duty to day has been
off duty about 2 months Sick Mild & latter part
this day light breeze from N. E. to N steering
by the wind to N. W. by W Rigs set a Boat gill
Fore flying gill cleaned Pots Iron canes &
Spades &c

Lat 35° 19' North
Long 69° 24' West

Benjamin F. Nickerson Master A. S. 1881

Friday September 2nd

Commenced with light breeze from N. & backing round
to Westward at 8 P.M. W. by N took to N. N. W. all sail
good weather smooth sea set up gill stay mid part
winch light latter part same from W. N. W.
cleaning tools &c. all sail out

Lat 35° 56' North

Saturday September 3rd Long 69° 59' North
Light air from W. N. W. at one P.M. wind hauled
to W. by S. Course N. W. by N all sails out 9 in number
at dark nice breeze saw lightning to the North
from 9 P.M. to 2 A.M. Very sharp lightning and heavy
thunder with some rain Wind about W. N. W. took in
some of our light sails latter part more moderate
saw one sail at 9 A.M. wind N. W. at noon N. N. W.
Schooner heading N. E. judged our selves on South
edge of the Stream

Lat 37° 08' North

Sunday September 4th Long 70° 15' West
Light breezes from N. N. W. to N. W. Smokey weather
Course to N. E. all sail out smooth sea gulf weather
saw some pieces drift wood Broke out fresh water
cleaned tools &c mid part same latter part light
air N. N. W. at 8 A.M. saw a Bark to S. W.

Lat 37° 48' North

Monday September 5th Long 68° 09' West
Light breezes from N. N. W. to N. more ship at one P.M. to
Westward at dark steering N. W. by W Bark to S. E. steering
Eastward Cloudy weather. Strong current Eastward
mid part same latter part very light breezes from
N. N. W. to S. N. E. at 8 A.M. saw a steamer to
S. W. steering to Eastward & by our east
West of the time some swell from N. E.
trimming sails &c wash day

Lat 38° 27' North

Long 69° 09' West