

Working our ship towards the East

Friday November 6th - 1868

This day wind light from N.E. East to S.E. East - our ship on opposite tack, all hands employed securing our rigging and other jobs about the ship. Saw any quantity of gulf weed the day end having a squally appearance.

Lat in 31.28 N

Long in 52.40 W

Saturday 7th This day light winds and variable, with heavy rain squalls, not much doing, saw nothing at 4 P.M. a gay bird flew on board of us about the size of a pigeon he seemed to be quite fatigued, the day end, rainy.

No Observation

Sunday 8th Monday 9th Fresh breezes from East to N.E. East and squally, our ship part of the time under reefed top sails on opposite tack, and quantity of gulf weed fish appears to be scarce, not much doing as it is so muggy. Lat in 31.34 N

Tuesday 10th This day wind light from N.E. East to S.E. East, our ship on opposite tack, all sail set employed securing mast fore and main top sail hauls and other jobs about ship. Saw one fin back whale.

Lat in 31.50 N Long 52.48 W

Wednesday 11th Breezed on again from S.W. West to N.W. West steering towards the East at 4 P.M. double reefed our top sails, passed a barque steering towards the S.E. East showing dutch colors the day end, muggy weather.

So good to them that hate hate you
for despitefully uses you.

Towards the East

Thursday November 12th - 1868

Blowing a gale of wind from the N.W. West our ship have to under a close reefed main top sail, main sprucer and fore top mast staysail at 7.30 A.M. shipped a sea staying bulwarks, starting slide boards and one of the bearers of our house the day end, blowing heavy with a heavy sea running, and our ship labors hard - we find that we have a strong current setting towards the North.

13th

Lat in 33.01 N

Friday 13th This day a little more moderate set fore top sail and fore sail steered East with the wind N.W. West quite muggy. passed a French brig steering towards the E.S. East it begins to look like having some good weather. find by observation our ship to be in the Latitude of 34.10 N and in the Longitude of 38.15 West.

Saturday 14th This day Winds from North to N.W. West all sail set, steering E. by South, with quite a heavy swell rolling. Saw one fin back whale, and one sail steering towards the South, during this night there fell a great number of stars, some of them very brilliant causing a great light the watch employed in ship's duty. Lat in 34.30 N Long 38.20 W

Sunday 15th A good breeze from North to N.W. West all sail set steering East, S.E. East and S.E. East by East nothing doing to day. Saw one shoal of porpoises.

Lat in 34.26 N Long 38.12 W

Speak well of your ship if ship carries you safe over the water.