

Ship's Journal off St Michael 1846

Saturday Sept 12

Commenced with a gale of wind from the S
Standard tack on board short sail one watch on deck
At 10 PM more moderate much sunny sail at daylight
Calms and heavy rain throughout so ends watching
No observations

Sunday Sept 13 Commenced with a light breeze
From the S W All sail Course S E one watch
On duty At 8 PM Cloudy and breeze lightening
Passing signals have light sails At 10 A heavy
squall from the W S W cloud down call At
hands have for this mizen top sails main sail jib
two reefs in main top sail At 1 A M more moderate
set main sail two reefs in for top sail jib At 3 A M
The gale in creases hand main sail and jib lost
Draft the for top sail blowing a gale through out
At 9 PM saw Graciosa about 3 miles distant bearing
S E by S At noon Graciosa bearing W 10 miles
latitude 39-06 N

Monday Sept 14

Commenced with fresh gales from the W Short
sail Course S by E 1/2 E one watch on deck
At 5 PM set the mizen top sail one reef jib & gaff
At sunset ~~the~~ Tercera bearing S E by E
Middle point fresh gales course S E by S passing
signals At 4 AM have to double reef main top
sail main gunner blowing a gale from the W S W
bearing S E by E so ends a quiet throughout
with heavy signals of rain

latitude 38-10 N
longitude 24-26 W

Tuesday Sept 15 Begun with fresh gales from
the W S W the ship here to Cloudy thick and
Rainy At 1 PM more moderate set the top
sails 2 reefs and for sail on the wind Standard
Tacks on board At two PM saw St Michael
bearing S A about 15 miles off At five thirty
PM Course S E by S with laying of land on it
St Michael's fresh gale and squally latter great watch
for same At 9 AM the captain went on shore
to see if he could get onions & potatoes found it
impossible to fetch them of course on board At
eleven thirty AM run up before the wind more
to the leeward found no place for landing
So ends

So ends

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Wednesday Sept 16

Commenced with fresh gales from the W S W
Short sail laying off and on At St Michael
Run to the leeward of the ill hats on the wind to
the S W about 12 miles off tacked ship's stood
in shore At sunset lost reefed for a mizen top
sails Run to the leeward of the ill Cloudy and bad weather
Saw a ship heading to eastward All sail saw a brig
middle point laying to the leeward of the ill weather
The most of the time At daylight made All sail
light breeze that wind had from under the lee off
the land took a strong breeze from the W by S
hauled for a mizen S E sails The remainder of this
day beating to windward so ends
latitude 37-39 N

Thursday Sept 17 Commenced with fresh

Gales from the W by S main S E sail out by
the wind standing off and on At St Michael
Beating to windward At sunset hand main S E sail
2 reefs in for and mizen top sails saw two sail off
the sea seen middle and latter laying off and on
Beating to windward on the S W side of the S E
At daylight made All sail so ends

Friday Sept 18 Begun with light breezes from
the W All sail beating to the windward
On the S W side of St Michael At 1 PM
Capt Dexter went on shore to see if he could get
Potatoes & onions Could not come on board At 8 PM
saw the brig Gen off Province town 5 miles out
110 barrels of Potatoes middle point light breezes and squally
hand light sails reefed for and mizen top sails At
3 & 4 AM out reefs set S E sails laying off and
on At 10 AM squally hand S E sails At 11 2 reefs
in for and mizen top sails fresh gales the brig
Gen came to anchor Capt Dexter and boats crew
went on shore At 8 AM After Potatoes so ends this day

Saturday Sept 19 Commenced with fresh gales and squally
Short sail laying off and on Capt Dexter on shore and
boats crew At 5 PM at shore boat came a long
sail with onions Potatoes Pumpkins At 5 1/2 PM Capt Dexter
boats crew came on board took the mizen to on board stood of shore
tacked on again and discharged tobacco and beyond At
10 PM At 10 1/2 PM squally at way course S E middle strong
breezes and squally latter fresh gales At daylight
Made All showing sail Course S W and At 11 PM
One watch only so ends
At daylight St Michael bearing S W latitude 36-43 N
Dist 25 miles longitude by road 24-20 W