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Wednesday Jan 21 Commenced with fresh gales and rain with a thick fog from the NW by 11 AM short sail At 12 PM spoke Bark Elizabeth of Matlapoisset 2000 tons A 3 thick fog and drizzling rain throughout to ends
No observation

Thursday Jan 22 Began with fresh breezes and fog from the S wind heading to the westward short sail saw one ship at 5:30 PM heard main sail jib & boom abeam 1/2 of a gale of wind at sunset short reefed Main top sail latter pleasant breeze All sail Course NE by E wind WNW At 5:14 PM from Breeze heard light sails so ends latitude 45-59 long by Cw 56-20 7/8

Friday Jan 23 Commenced with fresh breezes from the NW leeward Tacks on bow At 2 PM 2 reefs in top sails At 4 PM heard main sail & jib At 5 PM heard for and vision top sail Blowing a gale of wind saw a ship to leeward At 11 PM more moderate latter strong breezes and Rugs Under 2 reef top sails main sail and jib A mistake on the 14 in the day of the week And so down to the 23 where it ought to be Saturday latitude 46-45-10 long by Cw 54-52 7/8

Sunday Jan 24 Began with fresh gales and Began weather from the NW by 10 AM short sail At 3 PM heard jib and main sail At 4 PM short reefed top sails blowing a gale At 5:30 heard for and vision top sail blowing a gale of wind throughout At 11 AM commenced to moderate down set the for and vision top sails short reefed so ends heading to S 4 W wind Standard Tacks on bow latitude 45-15 long by Cw 54-20 7/8

Monday Jan 25 Began with a gale of wind And moderating down At Noon let the main sail & jib At 2 PM out reefs main top sail one in vision top sail At sunset here I was sail 2 reefs in main top sail with 9 latter raged weather At six made sail 2 reefs main sail & jib At 9 AM more moderate out reefs let main top galon sail At 10:30 fresh gales heard main S 9 sail At 11 AM 2 reefs in top sails wind from the Westward Standard to the W wind toward South & West wind Cloudy And passing signals
No observation

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Tuesday Jan 20 Commenced with fresh gales and rain from the Westward short sail heading to the NW westward Cloudy and overcast At sunset took in sail middle and latter part strong breezes and rain at 11 PM Daylight much sail latter 3 ships in sight latitude 44-58 long 56-25 7/8

Wednesday Jan 27 Began with fresh gales from the NW by the wind heading to S Westward At 10 AM short wind the above ships in sight At six PM spoke ship Cisar of New Bedford 85 barrels SP At sunset took in sail Standard Tacks on bow middle and latter fresh gales and a gale of wind part of the time saw 2 ships latitude 46-63 S Comp 56-10 7/8

Thursday Jan 28 Commenced with fresh gales from the NW wind Standard Tacks on bow At 4 PM took in sail blowing a gale of wind 1/2 of the above ships in sight middle strong breezes At sunrise made sail 2 reefs jib main sail At 8 AM blowing a gale took in sail a gale of wind At 11 AM more moderate made sail so ends latitude 46-12 S Comp 55-58 7/8

Friday Jan 29 Began with strong breezes and rain from the Southward heading to W wind At sunset took in sail middle fresh breezes at daylight made sail latter light breezes and calms Two sails in sight All hands making to W near so ends latitude 46-12 S Comp 56-50 7/8

Saturday Jan 30 Commenced with light breezes and calms At 3 PM light breeze from the W E Course W S W the above ships in sight At sunset took in sail Course W N W and latter light breezes and Calms heading to W W wind only five ships in sight so ends latitude 46-18 S long by Cw 56-07 7/8

Sunday Jan 31 Commenced with light breezes and calms At sunset took in sail light air and Calms throughout latter foggy so ends latitude 46-18 S