

Remarks on Board the Bark Ocean Steed
Russell Master

Tuesday June the 6th 1871

This day commenced with very cloudy & fine breeze from S. W. the ship heading S. E. at one pm wore ship to the S. W. took in the stays & main top gallant sail at 2 pm took in the up fore top sail & one sail in sight at sunset took in main top sail main sail jib & spunker the ship heading N. E. by the wind middle part fine light weather at day light set all sail & steered S. W. nothing so ended this day Sat 39° 33' N Long 65° 28' W

Wednesday June the 7th

First part of this day fine light weather luff to the wind heading S. W. the wind from S. W. at sunset took in the light sails one sail in sight middle part light weather at day light made sail & steered S. E. & one sail in sight so this day Sat 39° 30' N Long 62° 50' W

Thursday June the 8th

First part of this day fresh wind from South the ship still steered S. E. at sunset wore ship to the West & took in sail middle part fresh wind at day light very smoke steered S. W. at 8 pm steered by the wind heading N. E. W. one sail in sight so ended this day Sat 40° 36' N Long 63° 22' W

Friday June the 9th

This day commenced with moderate winds & very smoke 2 sails in sight at sunset took up main sail & fore sail the ship heading S. E. the wind from S. middle part fresh wind & haze at day light steered S. W. at noon luffed to the wind heading S. E. & one sail in sight so ended this day Sat 40° 22' N Long 62° 22' W

in the North Atlantic ocean looking for Sperm whales,

Saturday June the 10th 1871

First part of this day light wind & very haze saw porpoises & got 2 of them & saw black fish the weather very cloudy at sunset took in sail the ship still heading S. E. the wind from the N. S. W. middle part fresh winds & rain at day light steered S. W. the wind from S. E. W. saw nothing so ended this day Sat 40° 22' N Long 62° 10' W

Sunday

June the 11th

First part of this day commenced with strong winds from N. E. W. the ship steered S. E. W. took in main top gallant sail at 4 pm took in the up top sails at sunset luffed to the wind heading S. E. the wind N. E. W. middle part light winds at day light steered S. W. the wind from the East saw 2 sail so ended this day Sat 40° 10' N Long 61° 57' W

Monday June the 12th

First part of this day luffed to the wind heading S. E. W. with all sail out at sunset took in the light sails still heading the same the weather very pleasant middle part strong wind & rain took in up top sails jib & spunker at 2 pm set jib & spunker the ship heading N. E. W. at day light set up main top sail at 8 pm saw white water so ended this day Sat 40° 48' N Long 61° 43' W

Tuesday June the 13th

This day commenced with strong winds from the S. W. at 2 pm saw a storm's bond in the East at sunset the weather more moderate the ship heading S. E. W. middle part fresh gale at day light saw 2 of the storm's & a sail took in fore & up fore top sails the gale still fresh so ended this day Sat 40° 44' N Long 61° 43' W