

Bk Mary Frasier of New Bedford

Wednesday Dec 11th 401
Begins With Moderate breeze from S.E. With good weather Ship Under all sail Cruising, Middle part Calm, Latter part light breeze from East, With good weather
Lat 37:00 S Long 152:20

Thursday Dec 12th 402
Begins With strong breeze from E.N.E. With good weather, Ship Under all sail heading S.E. Middle & Latter parts Wind & weather the same Ship on same tack.
Latitude 38:39 S Long 153:13

Friday Dec 13th 403
Begins With strong winds from N.E. & P. Bugged, Wind increasing, at 2 P.M. furl'd the light sails, & reefed the Topsails. Went Ship to Westward, Middle part Wind & weather same. Latter part Wind the same, With thick Rainy weather Ship heading E by North, No Ob.

Saturday Dec 14th 404
Begins With Wind from North With weather clearing, Ship Under reefed Topsails & Course steering E by N, Middle part Calm With good weather. Latter part, At daylight got a good breeze from N.W. & Made all sail heading East.
Lat 38:39 Long 155:18

Sunday Dec 15th 405
Begins With good breeze from N.W. With fair weather, Ship Under all sail heading East. Just before sunset saw sperm Whales, going quick on the Wind, Lowered the Boats in chase but could not come up with them. Middle part Wind the same, Ship Under all sail working to Windward, Latter part strong Wind from North With thick weather. Furl'd the light sails. No Ob.

John G Nye, Master, On Middle Ground 1872

Monday Dec 16th 406
Begins With strong winds from North & increasing. Reefed the Topsails. At dark put the Ship Under Storm sail. Middle & Latter parts, Moderate Gale from North With thick Rainy weather, Ship Under short sail on different tack. No Ob.

Tuesday Dec 17th 407
This day begins With a change of Wind to West, and the weather clearing, Made some sail, Middle part Calm, Latter part light breeze from North With fine weather.
Lat 38:23 Long 155:20

Wednesday Dec 18th 408
Begins With fresh breeze from North With Wind increasing & weather growing worse. Furl'd the light sails, at 5 P.M. Reefed the Topsails, at dark, blowing Fresh, put the Ship Under, close Reefed Main Topsail & Stay sails & bore to the Eastward. Middle part, Wind heavy from North With Rain, Thunder & Lightning, at 11 P.M. the Wind shifted to S.W. in a Terrible Squall that almost threw the Ship on her Beam Ends but did not last but a few moments. Latter part strong breeze from S.W. With clear weather. Steered off to the N.E. Under reefed Topsails. Lat 37:40 Long 156:19

Thursday Dec 19th 409
Begins With Moderate breeze from S.W. With good weather. Steering N.E. Middle part, Under hauled to North With strong breeze & fair weather. Latter part, soon after daylight saw sperm Whales going quick to Windward, Lowered the Boats in chase, but they soon went out of sight. At Noon Calm.
Lat 37:22 Long 157:01