

Barge Midas Off New Bedford Sound

Latt

Course Thursday Feb. 9th 1859

Remarks on board ship

N.E.W. These twenty four hours commenced with strong
Breezes from S.W.E. Ship under up topsails
Middle part strong winds ship jumping in to it
Up to her foremast very much latter part more
Moderate made all sail smoky hazy weather
and a tremendous heavy old sea running
Ship jumping rolling tumbling around
In all ships to numerous to mention
So ends this day on board of the Midas

Long
East
from
Greenwich

Friday Feb. 10th 1859

Remarks on board ship

Latt 26.56. Course This day begins with fresh breezes from the
Eastward crew employed in ships duties
N.W. Working on rigging making sprygar
At 3.30 pm kept ship N.W. by
Long 142.05 Middle part at 10 left to head to the S.W.
There being a small island in the way
Wish to stand thought prudent to luff to S
N by W latter part at day break kept ship N.W. by
at 10 and made half islands run along pretty
handy to them made field S so ends the day Midas
Clear some 2 or 3 rocks of our beam bearing N.W. by W

Latt 26.52 Course Saturday Feb. 11th 1859

Remarks on board ship

This day begins with fresh breezes enveloped
with frequent showers of rain made fields
Island at Sun set fields island center here
N.W. by E dist 15 miles winds light and baffling
The northernmost island of the Isles group in
Long 142.15 Sight S.W. by E dist 35 miles Middle part light wind
and baffling ships first on one tack then the other
Latter part much the same so ends day

On the Whaling Voyage of P. R. Tallman Master S.D. 1859

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27.32 Course Sunday Feb. 12th 1859

Steered

Remarks on board ship Midas

Thurs. 25 hours begins light winds from N.W.
N by W Ship heading N.W. by E and N.W. by E tack to S.W.
Long 142.00 N by E " Tack to N at 4 pm tack to S.W. wind freshening
Up some very appearance of strong breezes from
S.W. by W S.W. Middle part blowing fresh latter part
the same so ends this day on board the Midas
N.W. by W

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27.55 Course Monday Feb. 13th 1859

Steered

Remarks on board the Barge Midas
This day commences with strong breeze from
N.W. at 4 pm double reef the topsails piled up
Long 141.00 and mainsail at 7.00 reef ship to the Southward
and Westward still blowing strong wind cutting
S.W. Now to the northward Middle part very squally
Latter part much the same a very bad sea
On set of 10 and mainsail single reef maintop
Ship heading W.N.W. some times S.W. by W
Again W by N so ends the day Midas

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27.30 Course Tuesday Feb. 14th 1859

Remarks on board the Midas

N.W. by S This day begins strong winds from the
Northward blowing strong in squalls and
Long 138.45 Some rain Middle part much the same
W by N Latter part more moderate made all sail up
In ships duties so ends this day

These are the dullest times I ever
saw in my time on board of a
Whale ship 45 days out saw
nothing see them by and by