

Remarks on board ship Minerva
cabin half full of water. It ends these 24 hours
at 7 P.M. shook a reef out. main top sail
and set a double reefed mizen top sail ship
close to the wind so ends these 24 hours

Monday Dec 30th 1844

This day commenced with strong winds from
N.W. Steaming close hauled at 3 A.M. saw
a sail on the lee beam in the other tack
made her out a brig. at 7 A.M. took in
sail and stood by the crew matches at 1/2
past 4 P.M. called all hands and made
sail shook reefs out fore and main topsails
and set double reefed mizen, set and
mainsail at 11 P.M. saw a whale blow several
times and then turn flukes called her a sperm
whale. So ends these 24 hours.

Tuesday Dec 31st 1844

This day commenced with a strong wind from
the E.N.E. steering E.S.E. at 1 A.M. took in
mizen top sail hauled up mainsail and
hauled down set. at 6 A.M. close reefed the
fore and main top sails hauled up foresail
and set the fore and main spinnaker at 1/2
past 4 P.M. called all hands and pumped
ship blowing a heavy gale with rain watch under
round house making dinner at 10 P.M.
knocked off making dinner and set quarter
watched Quarter watch employed in catching
rats so ends these 24 hours.

Remarks on Board ship Minerva
January 1st 1845

This day commenced with strong winds and
squalls of rain from the N.E. laying to under
close reefed fore and main top sails fore and
main spinnaker standing quarter matches
watch on deck employed in filling water at 3
A.M. killed a hog for new year's dinner
at 1/2 past 4 cleared away washed off decks
while washing off Brewer fell out chains over
board and was hauled in again. rainy
in latter part with heavy squalls so ends these
24 hours.

Thursday January 3rd 1845

This day commenced with fine weather and
strong winds from E.N.E. steering close to wind
at 1 A.M. commenced breaking out for water
and bread finished at 3 and began to make
spun yarn & dinner at 7 took in sail and laid
to with close reefed fore and main topsails
at 8 main boats crew called the Bows to take
in fore top sail heavy squalls with lightning
and rain at 5 called all hands and made
sail weather quite moderate one sail in
sight on weather beam at 9 one more in
sight on lee beam watch employed in making
spun yarn dinner & fitting new top gallant
shrouds so ends these 24 hours.

Friday January 3rd 1845

This day commenced with strong winds and squalls
of rain Steaming close to wind at 7 set boats crew
watch and laid to called all hands at 5 and
made sail. So ends these 24 hours.