

Brig Ocean of Sandwich

Tuesday May 4th

Begins with light winds from the ESE and foggy headed to the SE. Saw some drift logs at night took in sail tacked ship to the NW middle part light air and calm at day light moderate made sail. Ends with light air from the SE and calm saw a shark and some large logs of wood. Employed tarring down the rigging. Lat obs 28 08 Long 88 54

Wednesday May 5th

Begins with light air from the South & East and calm. Saw several large drift logs. Carried the boat in hopes to get some fish but found nothing. The watch employed tarring down the rigging at 7 took in sail double reefed the top sail furled main sail jib and by sail headed SE middle part strong breezes from the SE and fine weather at day light strong breezes from the SE headed SE at 8 PM saw a breach of the yester beam. Let the main sail jib and by sail at 10 tacked to the North saw nothing. Ends with strong gales and heavy clouds took in main sail jib and by sail. Lat obs 27 57 Long 88 44

Thursday May 6th

Begins with strong gales from the ESE and thick cloudy weather at 3 PM more ship to the South East at 7 PM took in sail. Close reefed the top sail and furled the fore sail middle part strong gales from the ESE and rising clouds a heavy sea running at day light more moderate let the fore sail jib and by sail headed SE. Ends with strong breezes from the ESE and a heavy sea saw some land birds and old trees. Lat obs 27 15 Long 88 41

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Friday May 7th

Begins with strong gales from the East headed SE under close reefed top sails at 3 AM winds shifting Southwesterly more ship to the South & East at day light made all sail headed N by E at 6 took in by sail a Barque and Brig in sight steering on the verge to the SE at 10 AM strong breezes from the ESE a heavy sea took in the light sails. Lat obs 27 00 Long 89 4

Saturday May 8th

Begins with strong gales from the ESE and rising clouds headed N by E at 1 AM saw double reefed the top sails took in the main sail middle part light winds from the East and fine weather headed N by E at day light made all sail headed North at 1 PM tacked to the South and East several sails in sight some hauled to the South East and some to the North & West. Lat obs 27 15 Long 88 30 1/2

Sunday May 9th

Begins with light winds from the ESE and fine weather headed SE several sails in sight steering different courses at 2 PM tacked ship to the N by E middle part fine weather latter part fine breezes from the ESE and pleasant cleared SE. Lat obs 27 32 Long 88 54

Monday May 10th

Begins with light winds from the ESE and fine weather headed SE under at 3 saw two sails to the windward under short sail at dark took in the light sails at day light made all sail headed N by E a Barque and Brig in sight by the way between at 9 PM tacked ship to the SE. Ends with light air from the East and fine weather. Lat obs 27 48 Long 88 30

Tuesday May 11th

Begins with light air from the East and fine weather headed SE one sail in sight to the N by E at 5 PM spoke the Margaretta Bk of Salem Capt. Tison 200 Tons at sunset shortened sail middle part fine weather at day light made all sail headed N by E at 9 PM tacked to the South saw porpoises and a great quantity of drift logs. Lat obs 27 15 Long 88 13