

Tuesday Jan. 19th 1869

Comes in with fresh breezes from the S and S.W. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind cruising to the W. at 8 AM. off the schooner Mex. A. Rich Paddock of New Bedford 14 days from Hilton Head, S. Carolina with lumber for Martinique.

Saw several other sails all steering to the S and S.W. Plenty of Gulf Weed today - water blue and clear - no Tallow Drops - Sun falls or Pond Sticks - porpoises or Blackfish this being a dull dead ground.

Lat at Merd 27.27
Long by Chron 61.35
Long by S. Rich 60.49

Wednesday Jan. 20th 1869

Comes in with light air from the W and N.W. and fine weather. Ship by the wind heading to the S.W. with all sail out. Nothing in sight all day but one or two finbacks. No Tallow drops or other indications of whales. Some considerable Gulf Weed.

Lat. at Merd 27.28
Long by Chron 62.30

Thursday Jan. 21st 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the N.W. and fine pleasant weather but little overcast. Ship by the wind to the S.W. with all sail out. Saw one sail to the South steering off to the S.E. nothing more in sight all day. All the P.M. calm.

Lat at Merd 27.31
Long by Chron 62.07

Friday Jan. 22nd 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S.W. and cloudy weather with squalls of rain. Ship steering N. per compass with all prudent sail out. One sail in sight. So cuts.

Lat at Merd 28.40
Long by Chron 63.06

Saturday Jan. 23rd 1869

Comes in with moderate breezes from S.W. and overcast. Ship steering S.W. per compass with all prudent sail out. Saw a hump back breaching and going to the windward very quick.

Lat at Merd 29.55
Long 63.08