

October 1864

Ship Enward of New Bedford Mass

Saturday Oct. 5: 1864

first and middle part calm at 6 P.M.
 Struck a large Dolphin Lost him
 later part light southerly winds
 Ship heading E by S all sail set at sunset
 doubled reefed the topsails to exercise the
 crew I think they are the greenest set I
 ever saw

Lat by obs 38° 16' N
 Long by alt 74° 33' W

Sunday Oct. 6

the first Sabbath at sea
 these 24 hours light SE wind ship heading
 to the N.E. had the necessary work going on
 distributed the reading matter that was put
 on board for the seamen such as papers
 of all kinds tracts and Bibles

Lat 39° 06' N Long 75° 13' W

my mind still wanders homeward my wife
 and little one so ever. May God spare
 us to be united again not to be separated
 again till death doth call
 my darling child may she never forget her
 wandering parent I will finish my writing
 and send the book my dear wife presented
 to me when leaving her church services
 back.

Monday Oct 7 1864

for part light baffling winds later part fresh
 breeze from SE steering SE by S all sail set
 the watch variously employed

Lat by obs 38° 48' N
 Long by alt 75° 31' W

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E. C. Pulver: Master

Wednesday

Oct 9 1864

most of these 24 hours strong N.W. gale
 with rain steering SE by compass
 had a very heavy blow from SE on the night
 I can't remember when I have seen heavier
 wind but the good ship onward came through
 all right.

Lat 38° 08' N
 Long 78° 46' W

Thursday 10

all these 24 hours light N.W. winds with
 pleasant weather steering SE by S by compass
 at 4 P.M. saw grampuses

Lat 38° 53' N

Long 76° 57' W Putted a slow passage
 thus far

Friday 11

all these 24 hours fresh breeze from SSE
 ship heading E by compass all sail
 set saw a Bark to the leeward I wish
 this wind would haul so the good ship
 onward could go her course for Cape
 Horn

Lat 38° 20' N
 Long 76° 15' W

Saturday 12

Calm nothing but calm and head winds
 but I must not find fault for things might be much
 worse 2 sails on sight steering to the eastward
 lowered 3 of the boats to exercise the crew

Lat 38° 40' N
 Long 77° 36' W