

Bark Osceola at Sea January 19th 1859

Wednesday January 19th 1859

This day commenced with a strong wind from the S.W. by W. and clouds bore the log several times in the morning with and found that she averaged about 8 knots an hour. took in the fore top Gallant sail. Middle part strong breeze and saw a school of humpbacks. took in gaff topsail and Starker. the watch buzz employed in putting the rigging in order. Latter part strong breeze at 4 P.M. knocked off work and washed down the deck and set Top Gallant Sail and Gaff Topsail at about 6 o'clock hauled the back up a point and a half. This afternoon discovered a leak in the stern started the pumps and found considerable water in her. but nothing serious.

Wind S.W. Course S.E.

Thursday January 20th 1859

This day commenced with a strong breeze from the S.W. and cloudy about five took in fore top Gallant sail. Middle part strong wind and heavy dark clouds passing saw a sail 2 points on our port bow apparently steering more to the Eastward raised spouts which turned out to be humpbacks. About 2 P.M. the wind suddenly shifted into the Northward with rain and heavy cross sea running. Latter part, dark and rainy and very disagreeable weather pumped ship and had quite a considerable water in her. the usual work going on.

Wind S.W. Course S.E.

Friday January 21st 1859

This day commenced with a very strong breeze from the S.E. and accompanied with heavy squalls took in the top Gallant Sails and single reefed the topsails. Middle and latter part very strong breeze and squalls, furled the mainsail scudding and she makes very bad weather rolling very heavy.

Wind S.E. Course S by E

Bark Osceola Capt. O. H. Hamblin at Sea 1st 22nd

Saturday January 22nd 1859

This day commenced with a heavy gale from the S.W. by E. and squalls. took in the fore topsail and close reefed the main about 1/2 past 6 called all hands and furled the foresail and boom too. Middle & latter part the same, about 2 o'clock this afternoon shipped a heavy sea and stove the galley and started the deck pot from its place. A large ship passed us this forenoon with all sail out steering about S. by W. The bark makes some water and labors very hard.

Wind S.W. by E. Laying too

Struck several times to scud but there is to heavy a sea running, hard times these.

Sunday January 23rd 1859

This day commenced with a strong gale from the S.W. by E. with heavy squalls. about 6 A.M. reefed and set the foresail. Middle part more moderate with close reefed fore topsail. Latter part the same with the mainsail and jib. but did not carry it long as it caused her to pitch very heavy. We have now been out three weeks today and have had nothing but gales of wind, not having but two or three fine days during the whole time. It has been the hardest passage so far that I ever experienced. We bore the log and found that she is going about 8 knots an hour.

Wind East. Ship making S. by E. course

Lat. 27° 54' Long 32° 45' West

Monday January 24th 1859

This day commenced with a very strong wind from the Eastward and a very heavy sea running, carrying sail very hard which causes her to be very wet. Middle part a little more moderate with frequent squalls; turned the reef out of the fore sail and fore topsail and had the masthead mended.

Latter part the wind a little more strong carrying sail very hard. The passage so far from New Bedford has been a very tedious, having a continual gale of wind about all the time from the S.W. around to S.E.

Wind East. Bark making S by E. course

Scarcely any one on board has had dry clothes on but once or twice since we sailed. Tough times these