

Bark Osceola Captain O. F. Hamlin

Monday January 31st 1859

This has been another very fine day, a moderate breeze from E. N. E. and very warm. Put up Mainmast, yard and sail. Middle part watch very busy at work in the rigging. Latter part very pleasant. Three ships and a schooner, spoke a dutch ship from Batavia bound to Amsterdam, seventy-two days out, also spoke the Schooner Washington of Edgartown eight months out, one hundred and sixty-five barrels. Took in fore-top-gallant sail and hauled the courses up and luffed on the wind. It ends this month.

Wind E. N. E.

Under easy sail

Tuesday February 1st 1859

This day commenced with a fine steady breeze from the E. N. E. and clear but rather smoky around the horizon and down mizzen topmast and topgallant mast and stripped them of the rigging, overhauled fitted and covered the eyes of all with canvas. Middle part the same, a bark went across our stern. Latter part finished the mizzen rigging, a large English merchant ship passed to the windward about two miles this being very good cruising ground the bark under easy sail. Two of the Starboard watch kept on deck all day to learn the rigging.

Wind E. N. E. Course S. E.

Wednesday February 2nd 1859

This day commenced with a moderate breeze and thick haze weather and frequent showers of rain at work on the mizzen rigging. Middle part the weather the same. Latter part finished the rigging and got it aloft and fiddled the mast and set up all the rigging. About half past four missed a breeze on our weather bow steering about S. W. Very thick and took like rain.

Wind E. Course S. E.

Bark Osceola At Sea February 3rd 1859

Thursday February 3rd 1859

This day commenced with a moderate breeze, raining and very squally, cleared off with the sun. Middle part the wind hauled off saw a vessel off to the leeward steering about S. W. Latter part very mild and hazy, the crew variously employed about the rigging. After four this afternoon settled down the fore topsail and topgallant halgards and bent the sails over. This afternoon worked in the Starboard boat fixing things for Whaling.

Wind S. E. Course S. W.

Saw a school of Porpoises this forenoon

Friday February 4th 1859

This day commenced with a very light breeze from the East and beautiful and clear, commenced the day's work by calling all hands went to work and stripped all the head rigging, and served it over anew. Middle part very fine weather at work forward the sun very warm. Latter part got the jib and fly jib guys in place and set them then also jib and fly jib stays. The mate struck the Kenake with a rope and fender several times for taking a ball of twine that did not belong to him. Saw a bark to windward bound to the Westward. The boy has just fell down the main scuttell and hurt his face badly but nothing serious.

Wind very light from the Eastward

By the Wind

Saturday February 5th 1859

This day commenced with a very light breeze from the S. E. W. and cloudy. Middle part the same saw a sail to windward and another on our lee quarter. Latter part little more wind and looks squally to windward. This morning came up with the Foretopmast stay, stripped it and served it anew and set it up again some of the watch being laring down have about finished the head rigging. The weather has been just the kind to work rigging in very warm and light wind. We are now about on the equator. Spaw Bonita around the ship.

Wind very light from the S. W.

By the wind