

Back, Resident of Westport, from New Bedford.

Monday December 19th 1853

Commences with moderate breezes from the E.S.E. heading by the wind on the larboard tack to the southward middle part light airs and calm heading from S.W. to N.E. -
at 3³⁰ P.M. last part light breezes from the S.E. and fine weather
Lon 43³⁴ heading to the eastward all sail set so ends

Tuesday Dec 20th

Commences with light airs from the S.E. and clear weather heading up on the larboard tack E by N saw a finback at 4⁰⁰ P.M. lowered the boats to exercise the crews middle part moderate breezes from the S.E. and fine weather heading to the S.S.W. all sail set at 7⁰⁰ P.M. tacked to the E.N.E. at 9 tacked again to the S.S.W.
at 3³⁰ P.M. last part fresh breezes from the S.S.E. and squally
Lon 42³⁸ heading to the eastward took in the light sails so ends

Wednesday Dec 21st

Commences with fresh breezes from the southward and squally heading by the wind to the E.S.E. under top sails & courses middle part fresh breezes from the southward and clear weather set the main top-gallant sail & fly jib heading E.S.E.
at 3³⁰ P.M. last part fresh breezes from the southward & fine weather
Lon 41²⁶ heading to the E.S.E. employed about various jobs so ends

Thursday Dec 22nd

Commences with strong breezes from the southward and rugged took in the main top-gallant sail and fly jib at 4⁰⁰ P.M. single reefed the top-sails with thick squally weather middle part moderate breezes from the S.S.W. and thick weather turned the reefs out and set the main top-gallant sail steering S.E. by E last part thick weather at 8⁰⁰ A.M. the wind hauled to the Northward with rain heading S.E. at noon the wind from the eastward heading on the larboard tack to the S.S.E. the watch employed about various jobs so ends

Towards Cape Horn. Horace Young. Master

Friday December 23rd 1853

Commences with thick rainy weather heading on the larboard tack to the S.S.E. employed about sundry jobs middle part fresh breezes from the E.N.E. heading to the S.E. at midnight took in the light sails at 4⁰⁰ A.M. double reefed the top-sails took in jib & spanker last part fresh gales from the N.E. and thick rainy weather heading to the S.E. so ends

Saturday Dec 24th

Commences with fresh gales from the N.E. and thick weather heading to the S.E. at 4⁰⁰ P.M. close reefed the top-sails & reefed the main sail heading S.E. by S middle part strong breezes from the N.E. and thick squally weather heading N.E. under close reefed top-sails & courses
at 3³⁰ P.M. last part more moderate set the jib steering S.E.
Lon the watch employed about various jobs of ships duty so ends

Sunday Dec 25th

Commences with moderate breezes from the northward and rugged employed about various jobs of ships duty middle part thick squally weather and rugged at 4⁰⁰ P.M. took a strong breeze from the northward last part fresh gales from the northward close reefed the main top-sail and furled the fore sail steering S.S.E. so ends

Monday Dec 26th

Commences with fresh gales from the northward with squalls of rain steering S.E. by S under two close reefed top-sails middle part fresh breezes from the northward & clear weather turned two reefs out of the top-sails set fore & main sails
at 3³⁰ P.M. last part strong breezes from the northward and rugged
Lon steering S.E. by S under single reefed top-sails & courses so ends