

Ship St Peter Saturday May 17th Off St. Peter

During the forenoon had variable winds with hard squalls. A 11 o'clock down topside but with them again at 12. The boat came off at 2 P.M. with a few bags of coco some oranges and plantains. In the afternoon the wind fell calm till 4 when a light breeze sprang up from the westward. Look up water casks and put on buckets. The cooper to better but very weak.

Sunday May 18th

In the morning we was between St. Peter & North island becalmed. We did not till 3 P.M. when a light breeze sprang up from S.E. & I standing close hauled by N. for Baslin. In the evening the wind hauled southward and we were able to lay our course by S.

Monday May 19th

In the morning stood up on the wind past the entrance till 7 then tacked and stood in to the harbor of Baslin and dropped anchor at 10 past 4 P.M. in 10 or 12 fathoms of water. The health officer came aboard as usual from Curacy. In the afternoon rafted 11 casks ashore for water. Towards night the doctor at Curacy sent word aboard that he wanted the Cooper ashore. Scrubbed the starboard side of the ship for painting.

Tuesday May 20th

Took off the water in the forenoon and got 2 or 3 boat loads of wood ready cut from the forest. Took the Cooper ashore at Curacy.

Wednesday May 21st

Got 3 boat loads of wood off at daylight. After breakfast the starboard watch were sent ashore on liberty. The starboard watch painted the starboard side and took aboard 4 boat loads of wood.

Thursday May 22nd

Starboard watch ashore. Starboard watch painted starboard side near and out large the galley beach and began cutting it up. At 2 P.M. the mate *James* came on board and told me to go and play for his watch and he would pay all bills of expense. I went, my bill \$2.00 paid.

Friday May 23rd

Starboard watch ashore. The Captain went around the other side of the island and got 3 or 4 boat loads of wood. In the evening the cook was sent ashore to save him but without success.

Saturday May 24th

Starboard watch ashore again. Took the Captain to Curacy finished out the tree on the beach and took part of it aboard. At 3 P.M. I went and played for the starboard watch. Bill \$2.50 paid.

Sunday May 25th

All hands ashore but 4 men captain & mate. The captain went to Curacy and made arrangements about the cooper. The men were ordered to come aboard at sunset but some were drunk and did not come down. J. Fox, C. Wood, J. Carter, J. Shaw, R. Ferguson, & W. Robinson left ashore.

Monday May 26th

In the morning rafted 7 casks for water. Took them aboard about 10 o'clock. After dinner the captain went ashore to harvest a little business. While he was gone we have shot on the cable and got ready to weigh anchor. In losing the fore topsail the burst gasket parted and there was a great deal of water in the yard. It struck about half way down the fore rigging then turned and striking his breast on the rail and fell overboard. John Shaw was after him directly but he lay come up and struck out for the ship. He did not appear to be hurt much when he came aboard but in a little while he was complaining about the breast. Sent for the doctor but he did not come. The captain came at 3 and let him which relieved him considerably. After that the captain ordered the mate to get under way but he refused. The captain would ship more men. However after a short time they came up on good terms and at 3 weighed anchor and put to sea with a light wind from S.E. After we got clear of the Cape hauled on the wind standing E.N.E. Phipps Charles Sylvan before the mast. Rush the cook Charles Farley cooper. In the evening the wind freshened.

Ship St Peter Tuesday May 27th 1831 Pigeonella
Fresh winds from S.E. making long tacks beating to windward during the afternoon the weather came on squally. Stowed the cables.

Wednesday May 28th

The wind freshened with frequent squalls. Took in light sails at 10 o'clock. At 6 P.M. double reefed topsails. Continued beating to windward but the current sets so strong that we gain nothing. Cook dunnage sold.

Thursday May 29th

Wind continued to freshen during the night and this morning in almost a gale of wind. Jibbed all but double reefed main top foresail. At noon hoisted the larboard and waist boats and tacked standing eastward. Took several very heavy squalls during the day.

Friday May 30th

Want weather and strong breezes standing to westward under double main and fore topsails. Jib, spanker and courses. At 2 P.M. gave her to topsails steering S. by E. Lighted Bird in and the fore was taken sick this afternoon. Carpenter also down with severe cold.

Saturday May 31st

Lighted Bird in and the fore was taken sick this afternoon. Carpenter also down with severe cold. In off Bird in light sail and double reefed at 6 P.M.

Sunday June 1st

Lighted Bird in and the fore was taken sick this afternoon. Carpenter also down with severe cold. In off Bird in light sail and double reefed at 6 P.M. Made Bird in and at 1 P.M. lowered the quarter boat as ashore for eggs just as we pushed off from the ship the man aloft and a sail sailing down for us. At 5 P.M. she dropped our stern as we were coming aboard. The luffed to and backed her main and we went aboard with Captain Almy. Brought her to be the Equi Dolphin Cap. Cutler of Wallen P.M. 6 mos out with \$500 per long breeches from S.E. steering E.N.E. till 11 P.M. when we wore ship.

Monday June 2nd

Stood W. In the afternoon went down the foresail and mended it. At 4 P.M. raised a sail about the same time on the starboard beam. At 8 o'clock came to the wind on the starboard tack strong. Making a passage to the Amisants. Painted starboard boat.

Tuesday June 3rd

Stood W. In the afternoon went down the foresail and mended it. At 4 P.M. raised a sail about the same time on the starboard beam. At 8 o'clock came to the wind on the starboard tack strong. Making a passage to the Amisants. Painted starboard boat.

Wednesday June 4th

Painted starboard boat in the forenoon. In the afternoon set up starboard fore rigging. At daylight a Barque lay about 3 miles from us with her main yard aback. She braced forward on the starboard and we on the larboard tack. Set our colors but she did not set hers. Supposed to be the Beaver Cap'n. Snell of New Bedford. Moderate winds from S.E. with pleasant weather standing S.P.W.

Amisants

Thursday June 5th

Moderate breezes from S.P.E. steered S.W. till 10 A.M. then tacked and stood E. Cape island on the lee beam 10 miles distant. Set up starboard main rigging in the forenoon. P.M. larboard do. Tacked several times during the afternoon. Jib, jib, jib, spanker & main topsails.

Friday June 6th

Fresh winds and severe squalls from S.P.E. steering E.N.E. The weather became so squally at 8 P.M. that we double reefed topsails. Mr. Lee is making a Pigeon cage.

Saturday June 7th

The weather continued rugged and squally standing under double reefed topsails. Jib, foresail & spanker. Brought out molasses & sugar before breakfast. In the afternoon the weather moderated. Turned reef out of main topsail.