

Cruising on the Western ground

Ship Bark Sappho of New Bedford Captain Edward D. Coffin master

Monday June 11th Commences with the wind from the W. S. W. this part heading to the S. E. Saw five ducks. Saw down
one ship heading S. W. by S. S. took in sail for the night
middle part risked heading to the S. later part
back day this part heading to the S. E. with all sail
out. Saw five ducks. Sailed. Lat 37.17 Long 35.34

Tuesday June 12th Commences with brisk breezes steering
by the wind to the S. E. & W. saw ship heading S. W. W.
middle part and later this part imployd in ship's duty
heading to the S. E. Wind W. S. W. with all sail out
Lat 37.29 Long 35.31

Wednesday June 13th Commences with brisk breezes from
the W. S. W. imployd in ship's duty. At half past 4
saw two large sperm whales round to the S. W. low and
three boats for them. They were a going to fast for us
& chased them till after sundown then gave them up and
came on board and stood a long heading S. W.
middle and later part. 3 A.M. backed ship to the S.
11 A.M. backed to the W. this part saw porpoises
sounded this day Lat 37.15 Long 35.35

Thursday June 14th Commences with brisk breezes from
the W. S. W. this part saw nothing. Sundown took in sail
middle part later this part saw two sails steering to the E. S. E.
men wore ship to the S. Sounded Lat 37.18 Long 35.37

Friday June 15th Commences with brisk breezes heading to
the S. imployd in ship's duty. All sail out. 6 P.M. saw
16 sail steering to the E. S. E. middle part. All sail out.
later part this part saw 8 sail bound to the E. S. E.
Sounded Lat 37.56 Long 35.56

Saturday June 16th Commences with strong breezes from
the W. S. W. heading to the S. W. mid part saw
ships steering E. S. E. middle part fresh breezes steering
by the wind to the S. later strong breezes heading to the
S. W. this part sent down the main top gallant sail
this part saw a number of sail. Lat. Long

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Sunday June 17th Commences with strong breezes from
the W. S. W. ship under double reef top sails. 4 P.M. rain bore
ship heading W. S. W. Wind light. Set the gill and spanker
& 1 P.M. came ship round and round. Middle part and
later this part heading to the S. W. with all sail out. Wind
light. Saw 100 sail steering to the E. S. E. Lat 36.55 Long 35.53

Monday June 18th Commences with light breezes from the S. E. W.
steering by the wind to the N. E. Three sail past Sundown took
in the light sails heading up to the W. S. W. middle part and
later heading to the S. E. imployd in washing. Lat 36.52
Long 36.10 W.

Tuesday June 19th Commences with squalls heading to the
S. E. took in the main top gallant sail and fly gill
this is wash day. Sundown took in the main sail and
gill top sail. Middle part light and later part
this part imployd in setting up the bob stays
and back ropes and gill and fly gill gyres. Sailed
Lat 37.23 Long 35.55

Wednesday June 20th Commences with the wind
from the S. S. E. steering S. E. imployd on the
hoist gear. 4 P.M. low and down the West boat and
board up a top mast. Middle part. Later part
strong breezes heading to the W. S. W. Lat 37.43 Long 36.14

Thursday June 21st Commences with strong breezes
from the W. S. W. heading to the W. W. Sundown
under double reef top sails blowing hard
middle part blowing hard. later part 5 to 10 M.
wore ship heading to the W. S. W. 11 Made all
sail this part saw nothing. Lat 36.53 Long 36.57

Friday June 22nd Commences with moderate breezes from the
S. W. heading to the W. S. W. ship of Sundown wore ship
to the S. E. middle part. Later part steering E. S. E.
this part imployd in ship's duty. Wind W. S. W.
Lat 38.12 Long 36.17 W.