

Oct. 14th. Sunday. Fresh breeze. 10 A.M. spoke
the Gay Head. She had some masting, & some
work done.

Oct. 15th. Fine. Fresh breeze S.E. Gay Head to leeward
All hands on deck. Revarnished jib & fly jib room.

Commenced to turn in & set up weather main rig-
ging. 10 A.M. saw a brig off weather beam. 4 P.
M. spoke Gay Head, & had a short game. ^{more new fore topsail halys} 7.2.50.

16th. Fine. Strong breeze S.E. heading E. by N. We
started on a race with the Gay Head at 7 o'clock
last night, both ships bound to Woodlark is-
land. She went out of sight off our lee quarter.

from the mast head at 5 o'clock. just 23 hours. The
Gay Head is a New Bedford clipper, and her ports
is in a strong breeze. We were not worked up to-day
on account of the heavy press of sail we carried,
and being hauled up on a tautest binnacle, our
decks were nearly flooded with water. Came down
to reefed topsails at sunset. Very strong breeze. 7.55. 15.30.9

Oct. 17th. Fine. Fresh breeze, from S.E. At sunrise
this morning we found the Gay Head about
nine miles astern. She had carried a press of
of sail during the night while we were under
reefed topsails with our mainsail furled. We
shook the reefs out and set the mainsail, and
began to walk away from him. On seeing

this the Gay Head was kept a hard pull; not laying
as nigh the wind as the Sea Shell by over a point.

The consequence was that she went faster ahead than
us, but went to leeward two feet to our one, and
at sunset was hull down off our lee beam. We
had in the eyes of nautical men beaten her
worse than we did yesterday. Sunset. shortened sail

Oct. 18th. Fine. Wind S.E. fresh. Sunrise. The Gay
Head had carried sail through the night, and
we found her about 10 miles off square in our
wake. But the race was nearly up. At 6 o'clock
Woodlark island bore in sight two points off our
lee bow. We kept off and ran down the land all
day under reefed topsails & courses. The Gay Head
followed with every thing out, but could not
gain a hair on us all day. Sunset. hauled up
on the wind and stood off shore. 9.09. 15.2.30.6

Oct. 19th. Cloudy. Strong breeze, S.E. Cruising off the land
Saw nothing.

Oct. 20th. Thick weather. Rain all day. This afternoon
all of us went aft in a body and asked the old man
to restore to us our watch below. He had intimated
in the morning that if we came and had a talk
with him all would come out right. The first words
he uttered after our spokesman had addressed him