

Bark Smyrna of New Bedford, Mass.

Gale.

Monday Dec. 12th 1853.

Begins with strong gales from the N.E. with an irregular sea running. Ship under a close reefed main topsail and fore spencer heading E. S. E. middle part rather more moderate, at midnight steered off S. E. under a close reefed main topsail and foresail, latter part steering the same course under the same sail, three sails in sight.

So ends &c.

Lat. By D. R. 39° 00'
Long. By D. R. 68° 40'

Gale.

Tuesday Dec. 13th 1853.

Commences with strong breezes from N. N. E. and cloudy steering S. E. under double reefed topsails and foresail, middle part steering the same course till midnight then hove too again under a close reefed main topsail and foresail, latter part strong gales from N. E. with passing clouds, ship hove too heading E. S. E. with a heavy sea running.

So ends &c.

Lat. By obs. 34° 52'
Long. By A. 67° 16' 15"

Gales Rainy.

Wednesday Dec. 14th 1853.

Begins with strong gales from N. N. E. heading E. and E. by S. under a close reefed main topsail and foresail, middle part laying under the same sail, latter part strong winds from N. E. and E. S. E. heading to the S. E. under reefed topsails and foresail, with showers of rain.

So ends &c.

Lat. By D. R. 34° 30'

Long. By A. 66° 22' 45" Bar. 29.9.

Strong Gale.

Thursday Dec. 15th 1853.

Commences with strong breezes from E. N. E. and rainy heading S. E. under reefed topsails and foresail, middle part rather more moderate, latter part strong gales from the N. E. laying under a close reefed main topsail and fore spencer heading E. S. E. So ends &c.

Lat. By obs. 36° 15'
Long. By A. 65° 43' 45" Bar. 29.8.

Towards the Azores, A. D. 1853.

F. F. F. Yard.

Friday Dec. 16th 1853.

Begins with strong gales from the N. E. and squally, with a heavy sea running, at 2 P. M. sent down the fore top gallant yard, middle part the same laying under a close reefed main topsail and fore spencer, latter part rather more moderate carrying close reefed topsails and foresail, steering S. E. by E. The watches employed fitting the boats.

So ends &c.

Lat. By obs. 36° 14' Bar. 30.0.
Long. By A. at 7th 50th M. 64° 50' 00".

Drift Board.

Saturday Dec. 17th 1853.

Commences with strong breezes from the N. E. steering S. E. by E. under close reefed topsails and courses, passed a drift board and saw one sail astern, middle part steering the same course under double reefed topsails and courses, latter part light breezes from E. heading S. S. E. under all sail except the fore top gallant sail. The watches busily employed fitting the boats. Saw two sails.

So ends &c.

Lat. By obs. 35° 32' Bar. 29.9.
Long. By A. 63° 36' 15" Bar. 29.9.

Double Reefs.

Sunday Dec. 18th 1853.

Begins with very light air from E. heading S. by E. under all sail except the fore top gallant sail, middle part pleasant breezes from S. S. E. latter part strong breezes from S. steering E. by S. and E. at 11 A. M. double reefed the topsails and took in the jib.

So ends &c.

Lat. By obs. 35° 24' Bar. 29.9.
Long. By A. at 9th M. 62° 30' 45" At 2nd 50th M. 61° 24' 45".

Blackfish.

Monday Dec. 19th 1853.

Commences with strong breezes from S. steering E. under double reefed topsails and courses, middle part wind from S. W. to W. steering E. with the main top gallant sail out, latter part calm, saw a school of blackfish lowered and chased without success.

So ends &c.

Lat. By obs. 35° 51' Bar. 30.0.
Long. By A. at 10th M. 59° 44' 45".