

Monday Dec 20th 1838

Strong breeze and foggy from SSW
Ship under S Sail, and courses steering
SSE, saw two sail at dark took in sail,
Middle part the same.
Latter part at day light made sail stand
by the wind SSE at 9 blowing on
double reef the S Sail, handed jib and
main sail, at 11 handed SS Sail, at
noon handed fore sail, thus ends,
Latitude 45° 49' South,

Tuesday Dec 21st

Fresh gale and cloudy from WSW Ship
heading South, under double reef all S Sail,
at 6 PM. wore ship to N. and cast
reef the all S Sail,
Middle part rain,

Latter part more moderate let one reef
out of the all S Sail and wore ship
to SSE at 10 set fore sail one sail
in sight, thus ends.

Wednesday Dec 22nd

Strong breeze and foggy cloudy weather
from SSW Ship under easy sail head
SSE
Middle and Latter part moderate and
fog squalls at day light set all sail
headed SSE, finished and bent the
mizen S Sail, thus sail in sight
at 9 AM. spoke the Sarah Sheaf
thus ends.

Latitude 46° 19' South,

Thursday Dec 23rd 1838

Moderate breeze and foggy from SSW all
sail set heading SSE at 5 PM.
Spoke Ship Abraham Barker, at
dark took in sail,
Middle part foggy,
Latter part fresh breeze and haze from
WSW set all sail stand different courses
thus ends.

Latitude 47° 12' South,
Longitude 158° 19' West,

Friday Dec 24th

Fresh breeze and cloudy from WSW, steering
by the wind WNW at 2 AM. wore ship
to WSW and took in sail,
Middle and Latter part strong breeze
and haze at day light set whole S Sails,
headed different ways, saw two whales
going quick to the Westward, thus ends.

Latitude 46° 48' South,
Longitude 158° 25' West,

Saturday Dec 25th

Strong breeze and haze from WSW
Ship heading Westward, at 2 PM. heave
off Southward, at 6 spoke the Stearns,
at dark took in sail headed SSE,
Middle and Latter part fresh gale
and thick weather, at 9 AM. handed
fore sail and cast reef the all S Sail,
Ship heading by the wind SSE, I believe
this is Christmas day and it is merry
Christmas all round at home, but
here not so. I have not had a man touch
cleaning the day, not even by the women, I
am getting rather down with this women
business on board of a whale ship, my
sister is right about that.