

Ship Swift homeward bound

Monday Sept 20th 1852

Begins with a light breeze from S.W.
during N.E. and a plenty of pinbacks
in sight and saw 4 or 5 flocks of Scaud
but one specimen to show the mackerel
just light and the latter part a fine breeze
from S.E. and during N.E. and in p.m.
sailing out the fly jib boom and
so forth Lat 38° 51' N Long 38° 51' W

Tuesday Sept 21st

Begins with a fine breeze from E.S.E.
and at 2 P.M. took in studding sails
during by the wind N.E. by E. & V
at 3 hauled the fly jib at 8 the wind
began to breeze on and at 9 light sails in
& set down at 1 P.M. jib & M sail in
at 4 took in main topsail it blowing a
gale & the S of N.W. at 11 close hauled
to topsail & a very bad sea at midnight
bore to heading E. N.E. wind S.E. &
blowing very heavy Lat by 28° 00' S Long 38° 00' W

Wednesday Sept 22nd

Begins with a very heavy gale from
S.E. and lying to at 1 P.M. furled one
chew of the main topsail at 4 Pitched away
the fly jib boom then being a very heavy
sea on at 5 got in the sail & reefed in
took in M. topsail & heaving under two spars
& f. top. Main sail the middle part blowing
very heavy at 4 P.M. and held to the S.E.
and the gale abated some at 9 put back
of N.W. & under double reef fore topsail &
fore sail so ends Lat 38° 34' S Long 38° 05' W

Thursday Sept 23rd

Begins with a gale from S.W. & during
N.W. & under 1 sail & reef topsail at 3 P.M.
at 4 M. topsail the middle part put M. top gallant
sail on latter studding sails set during N.E. by E.
wind S.W. Lat 38° 40' S Long 36° 20' W

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Friday Sept 24th 1852

Begins with a light breeze from S.W.
during N.W. & with studding sails
out the middle part Calm at 5 P.M.
took a breeze from S. and heading E.N.E.
so ends with a head wind the first
one for one month & runs 131 1/2 Days
since the 24 of August Lat 35° 30' S
Long 34° 08' W

Saturday Sept 25th

Begins with a strong breeze from N.
heading E.N.E. and light sails in
at 1 P.M. set down the breeze strong
and weather clear the middle part thick
and stormy strong and took in all
but foresail & M. topsail and at 9 A.M.
moderated and made sail so ends the
wind N.W. and rainy Lat 35° 00' S
Long 32° 30' W

Sunday Sept 26th

Begins with a light breeze from N.W.
and rainy heading N.W. & at 2
P.M. set M. top gallant sail the middle
part wind from W. and latter part W.S.W.
and a strong breeze clear weather all
sail out during N.W. & and nothing
to be seen Lat 35° 20' S Long 31° 35' W

Monday Sept 27th

Begins with a strong breeze from
W.S.W. during N.W. & and all
sail set with studding sails the middle
part light latter part light air from all
around the compass and hands in p.m.
about the sugar and the weather fair
so ends then 24 miles

Lat 31° 38' S Long 31° 27'