

Private Journal

Remarks on board Tuesday October 9th 1779

These 24 hours commencing with strong gales from the Westward & stormy weather steering to the Eastward under a close reefed main top-sail & fore-sail at 6 P.M. we had too to hear the wind & sea beat. Oh ye gales how much damage can you perform in a few hours of your rage? You have not our top-sails fore-sail main top-sail which was a new one in town but this is nothing more get hurt to speak of nor did our fore-mast head you with although it you have not paid us such a visit since we left our native coast & better part steering to the East under head top-sails with moderate breeze from the Westward employed repairing damages & so ends this day as wet as a mountain with West
We will a day for day of long lat 42° 10' N long 178° 20' W

Remarks on board Thursday Oct 11th

Breeze comes from the Westward these 24 hours steering to the East under double reefed top-sails &c. Get some new salt beef & salt write the above which I think will stand the pocket if Old Boreas is put to rout to sea this day
Lat 39° 40' N Long 169° 35' West

Remarks on board Sunday Oct 14th

Light variable winds these 24 hours & fair weather steering to the E by S saw a sail yesterday steering to the S by S ends this day
Lat 37° 18' N Long 160° 33' West

Remarks on board Wednesday October 17th

Breeze comes with some rain fast past made & better part under Breeze & fair weather steering to the S by E employed about various duties so ends this day 3rd year to day I depend to the strict observance the day
Lat 32° 02' N Long 155° 06' West

Remarks on board Sunday Oct 21st

Very small breeze from the South these 24 hours fast past employed a drying down better part nothing a doing a ship in sight to the Westward for miles distant - but up his main sail this morn for a gain. But this night did not stand proper I suppose, so here we see the two dogs twenty fast day of bet. bear 35 months from home the longest that I ever experienced & think Oh how ye Heaven by breeze & waft us to some land where we can get some thing to eat besides Old horses meat what was salted four years ago find fat as if I should fume? This is the worst of a sea life day by day we have our charge & meat such as it is, none long months in one main is a great while to pass through the same seems every day Oh God in thy great mercy favour us with a breeze so that we may make the Islands by west by north
Lat 30° 30' N Long 154° 40' West

Remarks on board Tuesday Oct 23rd

Light variable winds & rainy weather these 24 hours steering to the Southward two sail in sight, employed about various duties so ends

Wednesday Oct 24th Light Breeze & fair weather

these 24 hours steering South employed about various duties we new fore-top gallant trees had a flax up with the main mast two sail in sight so ends this day
Lat 28° 08' N Long 153° 20' West