

Journal of a voyage in the Atlantic

Sunday Dec 30th 1856

Commenced calm, Spoke the ship Marguete Ann of Plymouth, 43 days bound to Savannah. Found the current had set me 1/2 degree to the N. E. freshening. At 11 P.M. took a light breeze from S.W. with fine weather. Saw a big Course N.W. by N. Lat by D.R. 26.51 N. Lk. 26.54 N. Long. 80 62.13 W.

Monday Dec 31st

First part fine breeze from N.W. At 2 A.M. hauled to N.E. with heavy square handed S.E. sail, at 5 single reefed topsails handed M. sail. Latter part moderate snow all sail. Lat. 28.01 N. Lk. 28.00 N. Long. by D.R. 63.09 W. Sun 62.52 W.

Tuesday Dec 1st

Light breeze from N.W. and fair weather. Lat. by D.R. 28.30 N. Lk. 28.31 N. Long. 63.46 W. Sun 63.20 W.

Wednesday Dec 3rd

Commenced calm, At 9 P.M. took a breeze from S.W. Ends with fresh breeze from S.W. fair Course N.W. by N. Lat by D.R. 29.55 N. Lk. 30.27 N. Long. by D.R. 65.19 W. Sun 65.22 W.

Thursday Dec 4th

Strong breeze from S.W. In light sails, at 3 P.M. single reefed top sail & handed main sail. Saw a bark on opposite tack at 1 A.M. Close reefed fore top sail handed jib & spanker. Course N.W. by N. Ends moderate wind N.W. Lat by D.R. 32.39 N. Lk. 32.36 N. Long. 66.40 W. Sun 67.18 W.

Ocean on board bark Tropic Bird of New Bedford

Friday Dec 5th

Strong breeze from N.W. At 2 A.M. hauled to N.E. Single reefed topsails at sunset. Made all sail at 8 A.M. Steering by the wind. Lat by D.R. 33.12 N. Lk. 33.08 N. Long. 67.25 W. Sun 67.47 W.

Saturday Dec 6th

First part fresh breeze from N.W. Middle light air from N. and calm At 10 A.M. took a breeze from S. with rain. Lat by D.R. 33.12 N. Lk. 33.08 N. Long. 68.06 W.

Sunday Dec 7th

Commenced with fine breeze from S. with rain. Steering N.W. by N. At 15 P.M. wind hauled suddenly to N.E. by E. with heavy rain. Shortened sail to single reefed M. J. sail, and fore sail, through the night squally with rain. Close reefed M. J. sail. A.M. moderate from S.W. and cloudy. Saw a sail steering to S. By the wind N.W. by W. Lat by D.R. 34.23 N. Lk. 34.20 N. Long. 68.48 W.

Monday Dec 8th

Moderate gale from N.W. with heavy squalls & rain. Steering by the wind to N.W. Lat by D.R. 34.54 N. Lk. 34.45 N. Long. 69.21 W.

Tuesday Dec 9th

Heavy squalls from N.W. with rain. Saw 2 sails on opposite tack. Under short sail to N.W. By lat. of Polar star found the current sweeping me to S. Lat by D.R. 34.44 N. Sun obscured Long 70.14 W.