

Journal of a Steaming voyage on board
the Schooner S. S. George L. Drayton in the North
Atlantic Ocean 1904. George L. Drayton Master

Mon. Apr. 4th. This day comes in with a light breeze from the West-ward. At 1-30 p.m. cast off from Menil's wharf New Bedford for sea. At 2 p.m. struck on Fort Phoenix. Boat came to pull vessel off but without success. At 7 p.m. vessel was pulled off and towed to anchorage.

So ends this day.

Tue. 5th This day comes in with a fresh breeze from the S.E. At 4-30 a.m. got underway for sea. At 9 a.m. passed Vineyard Sound S. S. At 1 p.m. lost sight of land. Untied the chains and put below latter part light breeze and smooth course S.E. At 5 p.m. set the watches.

So ends this day. Lat. 38-13 Long. 69-13

Wed. 6th This day begins with a moderate breeze from the Westward and smooth sea. At 6 p.m. took in mainsail, foresail and set both top-sails. Course S.E. Calm and a little swell. So ends this day.

Lat. 38-44 Long. 69-31

Thurs. 7th This day begins with a calm. At 8 a.m. breeze up a little from the Southward set the fore-sail and main-sail and at noon took in the main-sail and set top-sail. A heavy swell and raining. At 5 p.m. took in the fore-sail. Steering S.E. Long. 65-20 So ends this day.

Fri. 8th This day begins with a fresh breeze from S.E. Vessel under short-sail and heading S.E.

No Observation

Sat. 9th This day comes in with a heavy breeze from the S.E. Vessel under very short-sail rain and rough.

No Observation

Sund. 10th This day comes in with a heavy breeze from the S.E. Vessel under reefed sails rain and rough. Tied in the flag-jib.

No Observation

Mon. 11th This day comes in with it squally and rain at 10 a.m. wind hauled to the Westward and at noon to the North fresh set the fore-sail jib and took reef out of the top-sail. Saw our vessel bound North. So ends this day. Long. 66-24

Tue. 12th This day begins with a fresh breeze from the S.E. Vessel under reefed fore-sail and top-sail rain and rough. Latter part the same. So ends this day.

Lat. 37-50

Wed. 13th This day begins with a heavy breeze from the S.E. Vessel under two top-sails heading to the S.E. rain and rough. Latter part the same. So ends this day.

No Observation

Thurs. 14th This day comes in with a moderate breeze vessel heading to the Southward. Latter part the same. So ends this day.

Lat. 37-02 Long. 62-24

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Fri. Apr. 15th This day begins with a light breeze from the Westward vessel under all sail steering to the Southward. At noon had trouble with the steward Perry Gibson about meals and he wanting to fight. Latter part the same. So ends this day. Best new jib-top-sail. Lat. 35-31 Long. 62-18

Sat. 16th This day comes in with a fine breeze from the Westward vessel under all sail. Steering to the Southward. Had more trouble with the steward Perry Gibson. Promised Jacobiah to Log from Boat-stewer to third mate with no increase of pay also Nathaniel Dewar, Seaman to Boat-stewer for (75) seventy-fifth day. Latter part the same. So ends this day.

Lat. 34-34 Long. 61-33

Sund. 17th This day comes in with a fresh breeze from the Westward at 7 a.m. took reef out of the mainsail and 10 a.m. set top-sail and stay-sail and a new jib-top-sail. Steering to the Southward. Latter part very moderate. So ends this day.

Lat. 32-49 Long. 60-04

Mon. 18th This day comes in with a light breeze from the S.E. vessel under all sail steering S. S. E. Crew employed in sheathing the deck and making a platform. Latter part moderate took in light sails at sunset. At 7 a.m. Edward Spence, the cook was throwing wood overboard. So ends this day.

Lat. 31-48 Long. 60-04

Tue. 19th This day begins with a fresh breeze from S.E. At 8 a.m. put 2 reefs in the main-sail and at noon took it in and set top-sail. At 4 p.m. put 2 reefs in the fore-sail and hauled down jib squally and rainy. So ends this day. Lat. 30-30 Long. 60-54

Wed. 20th This day comes in with a fresh breeze from S.E. rain and squally vessel under short-sail heading S.E. Latter part the same. Steward and cook quarreling. So ends this day.

Lat. 30-20 Long. 59-44

Thurs. 21th This day comes in with a light breeze from the Westward. Made all sail. At 8 a.m. wind hauled S.E. At 4 p.m. took in all sail and put on top-sails rain and calm. So ends this day.

Lat. 30-15

Fri. 22nd This day comes in with a light breeze from the S.E. made sail and stood to the Southward. At noon hauled to the S.E. and at 4 p.m. died out calm and rained. Took in mainsail and set top-sail. So ends this day.