

Journal of Ship William Thompson

Friday November 1st

Strong breeze from the N.E. at 10 and no, since, not one square head yet weather very unpleasant a little rain, time breeze from the N.E. towards the latter part of the day squally steering S.E. by E. took in occasionally the top yellowed sails, Cook came off to day to say he could no. cook provisions enough for the crew, we have at least half a doz. on the sick list. If he cannot cook enough now what will he do when the fare will

Long. by Chron 40° 9' W
Latitude by Lat 33° 41' N

Saturday November 2nd

This day was ushered not by Sick Weather, but with dark cloudy weather the wind gradually halting to the Eastward, at 6 P.M. heavy clouds rising to the S.E. thudded top gallant sails and singled reefed the topsails nothing transpired of any consequence during the remainder of the day, wind halting round to the W.

Long. by Chron 37° 20' W
Latitude by Lat 33° 36' N

Sunday November 3rd

Wind blowing a Gale from S.W. frightful weather, sea running mountains high, close reefed topsails nothing is more difficult than to navigate a ship with a green crew and happen to be beset with a more than common set of lubbers. It is most amusing even in a storm to the green and running in all directions but where are most wanted, you will find two or three matted together in deep confusion talking about their misfortunes

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in general, and almost whining out if she had taken some friends advice she would be sitting home now. Some of the greatest cowards of the lot stopping every body to ask them if there is any danger yet, we had a very bad night, and almost lost our bow boat we had a great deal of trouble in them in it being very dark and the wind blowing at its height. John Hawley was thrown over the wheel and hurt himself badly at 2 P.M. the hauled to the W. S. G. took in topsail and foresail. Very hard squalls about this time. The William Thompson lies her very snug, under close reefed main topsails and spences came a weather helm at 10 P.M. took in main spences and found she lay to much better etc. midnight black clouds rising from the S.W. accompanied with sharp lightning called all hands to stand by to take in main topsail or whatever might be required at 2 P.M. wind halting to W. S. W. and reefed the foresail and kept the ship E. S. E. latter part of the fine weather set all sail

Long. by Chron 37° 20' W
Latitude by Lat 33° 18' N

Monday November 4th

But sad to day talked religion and things in general, have taken poetry lately but it is no go got stuck in the third line of the third piece, could not get a word to rhyme with parting except but could not put such windy matter in a ships journal. I think when a sailor takes to poetry it is time for him to be put up with the care and as marked this side up then thrown over the lee side