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March 31st Continue
the Water of a Dark Greenish Colour
Latter part Moderate and very smooth
Sea saw a Bark Steering South
Lat by Obs 37° 39' N
Long by Chr 73° 04' W

April 1st
Sight-uns from North
heading to N. West at 6 P.M. Nearby
Calm, tried the temperature of the Sea
and found down to 48° hauled the
foretop sail aback and Sounded
found No Bottom with 120 fathoms
Line right up and down Latter part
Beating to the N.E. saw several vessels
Black Mackerel Looking Water
Temp of Sea 52° Lat by Obs 38° 00' N
Long by Chr 73° 00' W

April 2nd
Light breeze from East
and Clear weather heading at N. West and
by South Standing on the most favorable
tack to the N.E. at 3 P.M. Got Sun
Obs. Got Seventeen Distances of the Sun
and Moon which gave the Longitude
72° 58' West Long by Chr at the same time
73° 14' Latter part Strong breeze and
Clear saw several small Craft Steering
to the Southward and Westward like
a Bark Steering N.W. and a Large Ship
Steering South Lat by Obs 38° 30' N
Long by Chr 73° 20' W
Temp of Water 55°

April 3rd
Moderate breeze from N.E. head-
ing N.W. at 6 P.M. Sounded Bottom 40
fathoms the temperature of the Water at the
same time 41° Calm during the night
in the morning lowered down the Boat
and anchored her in 50 fathoms Water found Current
running S by West 1/2 Miles per hour at
10 A.M. from N.E. Lat by Obs 38° 40' N
Long by Chr 73° 18' W

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Saturday April 4th
Beginning strong breeze from
N.E. and Clear weather, saw 8 different
vessels, steaming different Courses, Latter part
fresh Gales Doubled (raised the top Sails
at 11 A.M. tacked to the N. West. Capell some
resp. and piece of timber temperature of
Water at 10 A.M. 40° air 41°

Lat by Obs 39° 00' N
Long by Chr 73° 1 West
Sunday April 5th
Fresh Gales from N.E.
very Clear weather heading at N. West at
4 P.M. Sounded Bottom 35 fathoms Gray
Sand interspersed with Black Specks and
Yellow Pebbles temperature of Water at the
same time was 41° that of the air 41° on nearly
the same