

Benbow's On Board Bark Bertha of New Bedford
Sunday May 17th

This day opens with a fresh breeze from the SSW
Ship on the Western Tack with the main yard aback
at daylight made sail & kept by the wind on the
Eastern Tack until one o'clock & then kept on N. & E.
Elbowed Shortened Sail. Wind came too the Wind
with the main yard aback on the Western Tack
Nothing in sight of Mate Watch employed in Ship's Duty
Lat. 44-00 Long. 69-40 to So ends this day

Monday May 18th

This day opens with a fresh breeze from the SSW
Steering by it on the Western Tack at daylight made
Sail & kept off N. & E. Watch employed in Ship's Duty
Nothing in sight Shortened Sail at the usual
time wind came too the Wind on the Eastern Tack
Lat. 44-07 Long. 69-49 to So ends this day

Tuesday May 19th

This day opens with a fresh breeze from the SSW
Steering by it on the Eastern Tack at daylight made
Sail & kept off N. & E. Watch employed in Ship's Duty
Nothing in sight caught one Shortened Shortened Sail
Lat. 44-20 Long. 69-15 to So ends this day

Wednesday May 20th

This day opens with a light breeze from the SSW
Steering by it at daylight made all sail Watch
employed in Ship's Duty Nothing in sight of Mate

Lat. 44-31 Long. 69-02 to So ends this day

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Thursday May 21st

This day opens with a light breeze from the SSW
Steering by it with all sail and Watch employed in
Various jobs lowered all 3 boats for sunspikes but
they proved to be sunspikes took the boats up at one o'clock
& then saw the land about the same time sent down
the main sail & main staysail and put up the old
topsail braces and fore braces cleared away the
St. anchors and took up 40 fathoms of chain let go
anchors at one o'clock & then in 14 fathoms of water & 30
fathoms of chain Boat-towers took the Watches

So ends this day

Friday May 22nd

This day opens with lying at anchor about 10 miles
South of Ambrose about 9 AM had a light breeze
from the South took the anchors & made sail and
kept N by W until about one o'clock & then
anchored in 14 fathoms with the same quantity of chain
30 fathoms off Ambrose lowered the St. Boat and
went in to see if there was any sail charges Boat
came back about 3 o'clock & then So ends this day

Saturday May 23rd

This day opens with lying at anchor at daylight sent
2 boats to examine Head & Wind makes lowered St.
Boat kept on shore lowered St. Boat &
was shot ship outside & scraped the barnacles off kept
came back about 2 PM brought on board 150 lbs of
Coffee & 100 lbs of Wine and some fruit