

Remarks On Board the Ship Wm West

Saturday Oct. 23rd A.D. 1853

First part light breeze at N.E. and pleasant steering S.W. by S. all sail out the watch employ in ship's duties. Middle and latter parts light breeze at N.E. and pleasant steering S.W. by S. all sail out. Saw 2 seals nothing more. Thus ends this day. Lat. 43° 43' N. Long. 66° 03' W.

Sunday Oct. 24th 1853

First part light breeze from E. by S. and pleasant steering S.W. by S. all sail out. Middle and latter parts fine breeze at E. by S. and pleasant weather. Some ships of rain the ship S.W. by S. all possible sail out. Saw nothing. Thus ends this day. Lat. 44° 00' N. Long. 66° 48' W.

Monday 31st

The last of the 10th mo. comes with fine S. E. by E. trade winds steering S.W. by S. all sail out. Middle and latter parts light airs and pleasant steering S.W. by S. all possible sail out. Saw nothing. The watch employ in ship's duties. Thus ends this day. Lat. 45° 43' N. Long. 67° 10' W.

Tuesday the 1st of Nov. 1853

First part light breeze from N. E. and pleasant weather steering S.W. by S. all sail out. Middle and latter parts light breeze from N. E. and pleasant steering S.W. by S. all sail out. The watch employ in ship's work. Thus ends this day. Lat. 46° 20' N. Long. 67° 51' W.

Wednesday Nov. 2nd 1853

First part light breeze from N. E. by E. and fine weather steering S.W. by S. all sail out. Middle and latter parts light breeze from N. E. by E. and pleasant steering S.W. by S. all sail out. The watch employ in the rigging. Thus ends this day.

Lat. 47° 51' N. Long. 68° 34' W.

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Thursday Nov. 3rd A.D. 1853

First part light breeze at E. by S. and good sailing to S.W. by S. the watch employ in ship's duties. Saw 2 small black fish. Middle and latter parts fine breeze at E. and pleasant steering S.W. by S. all sail out. The watch employ in ship's duties. Saw nothing. Thus ends this day. Lat. 48° 42' N. Long. 68° 42' W.

Friday Nov. 4th 1853

First part fine breeze at E. by S. and pleasant weather steering S.W. by S. all sail out. Middle and latter parts strong breeze at E. by S. and good rain steering S.W. by S. the ship's work sail in. Thus ends this day. Lat. 49° 33' N. Long. 69° 45' W.

Saturday Nov. 5th 1853

First part a very hard rain storm the wind variable and calm. Middle and latter parts light variable air at E. by S. and with rainy weather steering S.W. by S. the wind to S. E. 1st. Saw nothing. Thus ends this day. Lat. 50° 56' N. Long. 70° 56' W.

Sunday Nov. 6th 1853

First part light variable breeze at S. E. by E. some rain steering S.W. by S. the wind to S. E. 1st. Middle and latter parts strong breeze at E. by S. and good rain steering S.W. by S. all sail out. The watch employ in ship's duties. Saw nothing but a sail going S.W. got a Lunar Obs. Lat. 51° 40' N. Long. 71° 40' W.

Monday Nov. 7th 1853

First part fine breeze from E. by S. and pleasant steering S.W. by S. Middle and latter parts strong breeze from E. by S. and some rain steering S.W. by S. at 10 P.M. saw 2 black fish. Thus ends this day. Lat. 52° 45' N. Long. 72° 15' W.

38 days from home saw 1000 whales, 1000 seals and blackfish. Thus ends this day. Thus ends this day.