

Remarks on board ship Betsey Williams of Stonington

Thursday, Aug 29th 1850. All these 24 hours fresh gales the first part from N.W. at 2 A.M. the wind commenced veering to W. the latter part from N. the ship heading E.S.E. the first part, the middle part till 6 A.M. E.N.E. thence steering S.E. under close reefed maintopsail, & foresail, foretopmast staysail, & main spencer. the weather overcast all hands employed at stowing down oil, till 4 P.M. at 8 P.M. the S. watch started the hogs, &c. ends.

Lat 68° 41' N. Long 173° 25' W.

Friday Aug 30th 1850. All these 24 hours fresh gales from N. the weather overcast, steering S.E. until 5 P.M. thence veering to heading E.N.E. under close reefed maintopsail, & lee clew of the foresail, the watches employed at tying out oil, a plenty of whales in sight, saw two ships to leeward this A.M. so ends.

Lat 68° 03' N.

Saturday, Aug 31st 1850. All these 24 hours fresh gales, from N. to N.W. the ship heading E.N.E. under close reefed maintopsail, & lee clew of the foresail, making about S.E. drift, the watches employed at tying out oil, a number of ships in sight, thus ends.

No observation.

Sunday, September 1st 1850. Commences with fresh gales from N.W. veering to W.N.W. the weather overcast, the latter part fine breezes from W.N.W. good weather the ship under close reefed maintopsail, & foresail heading N.E. till 7 A.M. from thence steering E.S.E. under double reefed topsail, & jib, & foresail, the watches employed at tying oil till 2 P.M. at 6 P.M. all hands commenced stowing oil, at 10 P.M. spoke ship of Stonington 2500 lbs oil thus ends.

Lat 67° 23' N.

Monday, September 2d 1850. All these 24 hours fine breezes from W.N.W. the weather mostly overcast, the ship under double reefed topsails, jib, & foresail till 4 P.M. then set whole topsails, & maintopgallantsail, steering E.S.E. till 11 A.M. thence S.E. at 7 P.M. descried East Cape, bearing S.E. by E. 20 Dist. at 12 o'clock A.M. E. Cape bore N.W. about 10 Dist. Rotmanoff S. bore E.N.E. all hands employed this P.M. at stowing down oil, this A.M. the watches employed at clearing the deck, two ships in company so ends.

Lat 63° 01' N. Long 161° 40' W.

Tuesday, September 3d 1850. Begins with fine breezes from W. moderating from 2 A.M. till 3 calm, then the wind breezed from S. thence fine breezes & pleasant weather till 11 A.M. thence foggy, the ship under all sail, steering S. by E. till 2 P.M. from 3 P.M. steering by the wind, tracking ship away 3 hours, at 9 P.M. Rotmanoff S. bore N.W. E. about 25 Dist. so ends.

Wednesday September 4th 1850. Begins with fine breezes from S. foggy weather, the ship under all sail, at 1 P.M. took in foretopgallant-sail, wind breezing, the ship heading E. by S. till 4 P.M. then double reefed the topsails, furled the mainsail, & tracked ship heading S.W. by S. per compass, at 11 P.M. wore ship heading E. by S. the wind veering to W. at 1 A.M. the fog cleared off wind moderating at 9 A.M. set all sail, steering S.W. per compass, fine breezes from W. the latter part, & clear weather, land in sight, at 10 P.M. we picked away the outer bobstay, thus ends.

Lat 61° 48' N. Long 149° 29' W.

Thursday, September 5th 1850. Commence with fine breezes, from N. moderating, clear, weather the middle part calm, at 6 A.M. the wind breezed from N. thence fine breezes & good weather steering S.S.W. the ship under all sail.

Lat 64° 34' N. Long 170° W.

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Friday, September 6th 1850. These 24 hours, commence with fine breezes from N. moderating, from 2 to 4 P.M. calm, then the wind breezed from W.N.W. veering to N.W. the latter part fine breezes from N.W. the weather, good, steering S.W. by S. till 4 A.M. thence steering S.S.W. all sail set, at 10 A.M. set the foretopmast standing sail the ship between Bichukulthoi Pass, & St. Lawrence Island, 11 ships in company, steering to the south under full sail.

Lat 63° 38' N. Long 173° 19' W.

Saturday, September 7th 1850. Begins with fine breezes from N.W. the middle part moderate baffling breezes from E. to N.E. from 6 P.M. we had fine fresh breezes from N.E. good but cold weather, steering S. & W. per compass under all sail the watches employed at cleaning bone, thus ends.

Lat 62° 10' N. Long 174° 42' W.

Sunday, September 8th 1850. Commences with fresh breezes from N.E. the latter part fresh gales from N. steering per compass S.W. at 5 P.M. took in topgallantsails, & mainsail, & reefed the mizzen, topsail, thus ends.

Lat 59° 33' N. Long 178° 13' W.

Monday, September 9th 1850. All these 24 hours heavy gales, varying from N.W. to N.N.W. the weather overcast, steering S.S.W. per compass, at 1 P.M. took in the mizzen topsail, & double reefed the fore, & main topsails, so ends.

Lat 57° 28' N. Long 178° 08' East.

Tuesday, September 10th 1850. The first part of these 24 fresh gales from N.W. attended with a bad sea, the weather overcast, steering S.S.W. per compass, the ship under double reefed topsails, & foresail, till 4 P.M. then the S. watch set all sail the latter part fine breezes from N. attended with light fog, so ends.

Lat 55° 20' N. Long 174° 19' E.

Wednesday, Sept. 11th 1850. All these 24 hours fine breezes from N. the weather overcast, steering S.W. by S. till 10 A.M. thence steering S. per compass, the ship under full sail, the watches employed a sundry gobs about the ship thus ends.

Lat 53° 18' N. Long 172° 14' East.

Thursday, Sept. 12th 1850. All these 24 hours fine breezes from N. the weather overcast, steering S. till 2 P.M. thence steering S.W. at 1 P.M. descried Atton S. bearing E.S.E. per compass, about 30 Dist, the ship under full sail, the watches employed this A.M. at cleaning bone.

Lat 51° 01' N.

Friday, Sept. 13th 1850. These 24 hours fine breezes, the first part from N. till 2 P.M. thence veering to N.E. the middle & latter part from N.E. the weather overcast attended with some rain, the ship under all sail, steering S.E. per compass, the watches employed at sundry gobs about the ship, so ends.

Lat 49° 05' N. Long 175° 56' East.

Saturday, September 14th 1850. All these 24 hours fine breezes from N.E. the weather overcast, steering S.W. by E. the ship under all sail till 2 P.M. then took in topgallantsails, this P.M. the S. watch riced out the flying jib boom, thus ends.

No observation.

Sunday, September 15th 1850. Commences with the wind from N.E. & breezeing also veering to N. & to N.W. at 4 P.M. blowing a heavy gale from N. at 9 o'clock P.M. bore the ship too under in main spencer, & close mizzen heading E.N.E. from 4 to 12 P.M. attended with very heavy squalls of wind & rain, from thence the wind gradually moderating & veering to W.N.W.