

Remarks on Board Ship Bowditch on A Passage

Tuesday Jan^y the 1st 1850

Commences with a heavy gale from the N.W. with a turbulent sea. Ship under double reefed main top sail. Close reefed fore top sail & fore sail. Steering East, at 6 P.M. the gale abating and commenced raining set the main sail and mizen top sail close reefed, at 10 P.M. let the reef of the top sail, & at 12 M let the fore & main top gallant sails. at 6 A.M. Set the mizen top gallant sail and fore top mast studding sail, the latter part of the day fresh breezes from the W. & W. and heavy weather, at 12 M kept off E.S.E. Nothing of the whale kind
Lat by Obs 31.14 South, Long by Chron 3.38 West

Wednesday Jan^y the 2nd 1850

these twenty four hours commence with fresh breezes from the W. & W. and heavy weather, all sail set on the ship steering E.S.E. at 4 P.M. the wind hauled to the W. & W. and shifted the studding sail to the starboard, the middle & latter part moderate breezes and cloudy weather. No other the watch employed cooping the sperm oil and steering it below Lat by Obs 32.25 South Long by Chron 11.50 West

Thursday January the 3rd 1850

Commences with a light breeze from the Westward and cloudy weather. Ship under all sail steering E.S.E. the middle and latter part moderate breeze and fine weather. Course E by S. saw several fin backs through the day at 12 M kept off E.S.E. again, Lat by Obs 38.56 South Long by Chron 1.34 East

Friday Jan^y the 4th 1850

the first part of this 24 hours light breezes from the Westward, with fine pleasant weather, course E.S.E. with all sail set on the ship, the middle & latter part light breezes from the N.W. and heavy weather. Nothing of the whale kind Lat by Obs 39.65 South, Long by Chron 04.07 East, variation of compass 19 West

Saturday Jan^y the 5th Commences with a light breeze from the N.W. and heavy weather, the ship with all drawing sail set steering E.S.E. at 10 P.M. increasing breezes with squally appearances furled the fore and mizen top gallant sails, and at 4 A.M. furled the main top gallant sail, hauled in the top mast studding sail, & close reefed the mizen top sail. at 8 blowing hard in squalls from the N.W. double reefed the fore top sail, & furled the main sail. Ends with heavy gales from the N.W. with a large sea
Lat by Obs 38.30 Long by Obs 9.05 East

through the Indian Ocean, in January 1850, Nelson Waldron

Sunday Jan^y the 6th 1850

Commences with heavy gale from the N.W. attended with a large sea. Ship steering E.S.E. under whole main top sail & double reefed fore & mizen top sails, & fore sail, at 6 P.M. increasing gales, with heavy squalls and double reefed the main top sail, and secured the bow & mizen's sheets on the Yarn cranes, at 10 P.M. heavy squalls from the N.W. attended with hail stones & rain, same time furled the mizen top sail, & at 11 P.M. furled the fore top sail, through the night blowing a heavy gale attended with severe squalls at intervals of twenty minutes, and a large sea running which makes the ship take a great quantity of water on deck, the latter part the weather more moderate, and the squalls not so frequent, nor so severe.
Lat by Obs 38.18 South Long by Chron 12.30 East

Monday Jan^y the 7th 1850

these twenty four hours commence with heavy gales from the N.W. Ship shudding under double reefed main top sail & fore sail steering E.S.E. at 2 P.M. the weather bore a more favourable appearance and the barometer indicating a change for the better, accordingly set the fore & mizen top sails close reefed, to keep away from the sea at 12 M moderate gales & let the reefs out of the top sails, and at 4 A.M. set the top gallant sails, & tried the pump but found no water, from 10 to 12 M the wind hauled to the N.W. and increasing to strong breezes, with rugged cloudy weather and squally appearances, Lat by Obs 38.12 South, Long by Obs 14.10

Tuesday Jan^y the 8th 1850

Commences with strong breezes from the N.W. and rugged cloudy weather. Ship with all drawing sail set steering E.S.E. at 1 P.M. furled the mizen top gallant sail & single reefed the mizen top sail and at 2 P.M. furled the fore & main top gallant sails, at 5 P.M. double reefed the fore top sail, and at 6 P.M. increasing to strong gales with a turbulent sea, double reefed the main top sail and close reefed the mizen top sail, through the night strong gales and rugged cloudy weather, at 4 A.M. more moderate let one reef out of the top sails, and set the main top gallant sail, the latter part strong gales from the N.W. and clear weather
Lat by Obs 37.56 Long by Chron 19.47 East