

Remarks on Board of Ship Bowditch, of Warren, R.I.

Friday Jan^y the 25th 1850

Commences with a strong breeze from the N.W. and foggy weather. Ship with all sail set steering S.E. by E. the middle & latter part strong & steady breezes and hazy weather.

Lat by Obs 44.06 South, Long by Chron 70.51 East

Saturday Jan^y the 26th

the first part of these 24 hours strong breezes and hazy weather. Ship with all drawing sail set steering S.E. by E. the middle part brisk breezes from the N.W. and thick drizzly weather, the latter part the breeze more moderate, and very foggy.

Lat by Obs 44.20 South, Long by Chron 75.10 East

Sunday January the 27th

makes its appearance with a moderate breeze from the N.W. attended with a thick fog. the ship with all drawing sail set steering S.E. by E. at 2 P.M. the fog cleared off & continued clear through the night. at 5 A.M. set in foggy again. at 9 A.M. saw three sperm whales near the ship, lowered the boats but it being so foggy we could go beyond the length of the ship, from her, so hoisted the boats and kept on our course, came with fresh breezes and thick fog.

Lat by Obs 44.32 South, Long by Chron 79.05 East

Monday January 28th 1850

Commences with strong breezes from the N.W. and the weather very foggy. the ship with all drawing sail set steering South, E. by E. the middle & latter part steady strong breezes from the N.W. attended by a thick fog and rugged weather.

Lat by Obs 44.50 South, Long by Chron 82.50 East.

Tuesday Jan^y the 29th

the first part of these twenty four hours commence with strong and steady breezes from the N.W. with rugged foggy weather. Ship with all drawing sail set steering S.E. by E. at 11 P.M. the wind veered to the West with clear weather, at 4 A.M. the wind veering to the Southward took in the Studding sail braced up sharp and set the jibs, the latter part light air from the S.E. and cloudy weather. Ship by the wind heading to the N.E. a number of fin backs in sight.

Lat by Obs 44.42 South, Long by Chron 87.00 East

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A Lapage through the Indian Ocean, Nelson Malaren Master

Wednesday Jan^y the 30th

Commences with light air from the S.E. and cloudy weather. Ship by the wind with all sail set heading E.N.E. at 4 P.M. wind from the East & took ship to the S.E., the middle part fresh breezes from the E.S.E. at 5 P.M. furled flying jib. the latter part strong breezes from N.E. by E. and hazy weather. at 6 A.M. broke out the main hatch way for bread & water.

Lat by Obs 45.00 Long by Chron 89.25 East.

Thursday Jan^y the 31st

Commences with strong breezes from the N.E. the weather cold & hazy. Ship steering S.E. by E. under all sail except the flying jib & spanker. Middle part light breezes from the N.E. and foggy, at 12 set the flying jib & fore top mast Studding sail. the latter a light breeze & thick fog.

Lat by Obs 45.10 Long by Chron 92.00 East, with 23.25 westerly

Friday February the 1st 1850

the first part of these twenty four hours light air from the N.E. attended with a thick fog. the ship with all sail set steering S.E. by E. the middle part light breezes and foggy. the latter part strong breezes & thick drizzly weather.

Lat by Obs 45.30 South, Long by Chron 96.15 East

Saturday February the 2nd

Commences with strong breezes from the N.W. attended by fog and rain. the ship with all sail set steering S.E. by E. at 1 P.M. increasing breezes & furled the flying jib & took in the fore top mast Studding sail & furled the mizen top gallant sail. at 4 P.M. furled the fore top gallant sail at 6 increasing to a strong gale. furled the main top gallant sail & Double reefed the top sails, at 10 P.M. furled the jib and main sail. & at 12 M. furled the fore and mizen top sails. at 3 A.M. shipped a sea and lost the Waist Boat, with a set of oars, craft, &c. at 4.30 A.M. the wind changed to the W.N.W. and blew a Hurricane, called all Hands & in clearing up the main top sail the Starboard clewline parted split the sail bad & lost the sheet. furled the fore sail & main top sail. & got the ship before the wind, Scudding under bare poles steering S.E. by E. at 10 A.M. the wind more moderate & set the fore sail. came with heavy gales with occasional severe squalls, at 12 M. kept the ship S.E. Lat by Obs 46.30 South, Long by Chron 100.50 East