

Remarks on Board Ship Bowditch, bound to the

Tuesday October the 28th Commences with A strong breeze from the NNE with thick rainy weather. Ship with all present sail set steering S by E, at 9 PM took in the main top gallant sail and at 2 following Double reef, the fore & Mizzen top Sails, at 2.30 PM strong gales & Double reef, the main top sail and hauled the main sail, at 3 PM the foot rope to the jib parted & furled the sail, at 4.30 PM increasing gales & furled the Mizzen top sail & put the boats on the upper chains, the middle and latter part strong gales with frequent squalls of rain course S by E
Lat by Obs 30.13 North Long by Chron 168.38 East

Wednesday October the 30th these twenty four hours commence with strong gales from the NE attended with frequent squalls of rain the ship with double reef, fore & main top Sails & fore sail set steering S by E, the middle & latter part the same strong gales with fair weather, Lat by Obs 27.11 North, Long by Chron 169.00 East

Thursday the 31st of October makes its appearance with A strong gale from the NE and rugged weather, Ship under Double reef, fore & main top Sails, and fore sail steering S by E, the Decks have not been dry the past 15 days, the middle part more moderate and at 12 PM set the Mizzen top sail Double reef, the latter part A brisk gale and clear rugged weather, Employed repairing sails, &c.
Lat by Obs 24.50 North, Long by Chron 169.21 East

Friday November the 1st Commences with A brisk gale from the NE & clear rugged weather Ship under Double reef, top Sails steering S by E, the middle & latter part more moderate with fine weather at 6 AM set the reefs out of the main top sail & one reef out of the fore & Mizzen top Sails, the Watch Employed fitting the rigging, Lat by Obs 22.13 North Long by Chron 168.11 East

Saturday November the 2nd Commences with Brisk trades from the NE & fair weather, course S by E, at 3 PM the wind veering to the Eastward & set the jib & main sail, the middle and latter part squally from the Eastward, with showers of rain, the Watch Employed on sundry jobs, Lat by Obs 20.01, Long by Chron 167.51 East

Sunday November the 3rd the first part of these 24 hours Brisk trades with occasional rain squalls, course S by E, the middle & latter part fresh breezes and fair weather at 10 AM kept off South, Nothing of the Whale kind
Lat by Obs 17.49 North, Long by Chron 167.35 East

Southward, Nelson Waldron, Master, 1850

Monday November the 4th Commences with A brisk breeze from the Eastward with the weather some cloudy, Ship under all sail steering South, the middle part fresh breeze and fair weather at 6 AM squally & furled the fore top gallant sail, at 9 AM now fore top sail & braces, at 11 AM kept off S by W, Nothing of the Whale kind, the Watch Employed with sundry jobs on the rigging
Lat by Obs 15.04 North Long by Chron 166.51 East

Tuesday November the 5th the first part of these twenty four hours A brisk breeze from the Eastward attended with occasional rain squalls, Ship with all necessary sail set steering S by W, the middle and latter part A pleasant breeze and fair weather the Watch Employed on the rigging, making spun yarn, &c.
Lat by Obs 12.44 North, Long by Chron 165.42 East

Wednesday November the 6th Commences with A light breeze from the Eastward and fine weather Ship with all sail set steering S by W, at 8 PM squally and furled the top gallant sails the middle part Baffling airs, with thunder & lightning & rain at 5 AM A light breeze from the SE, set all sail heading SSW the latter part light breezes and very warm weather, the Watch Employed fitting the rigging, Nothing of the Whale kind
Lat by Obs 11.52 North Long by Chron 165.22 East

Thursday November the 7th Commences with A light breeze from the SSE and fair weather, Ship by the wind heading to the South, at 10 PM judging ourselves near an Island furled the top gallant sails and hauled up the courses the middle part light baffling breezes, at 10 PM wore ship heading NE by E, and at 3 PM wore ship to the South at 6 PM took A squall from the NE with heavy rain kept the ship South and set the fore & main top gallant sails and fore sail, at 7 PM the wind hauled to the SE, braced all sharp heading SSW & SW, the latter part sandily all hands Employed working the ship, Lat by indif. Obs 11.19 North Long by Het 165.08 East

Friday November the 8th Commences with A light air from the SSE and cloudy weather, Ship heading to the SW, at 7 PM took breeze from the NE & kept the ship S by W at 10 PM furled the top gallant sails & hauled up the course and luffed to the wind with the main top sail aback, heading NNE judging A reef to bear South East 8 miles at 3 PM veered ship to the SSE and lay with the main yard aback until day light, at 5.30 AM set all sail and stood along to the SSE with light breezes from the Eastward and pleasant weather, the Watch Employed fitting the rigging, making spun yarn, &c. Nothing of the Whale kind
Lat by Obs 10.38 North Long by Chron 164.45 East