

Ship Board of New Bedford in the South

Remarks On Board Monday October 8th 1838

First Part of these 24 hours Commenced with hard Gale from the N.W. with heavy showers of rain Ship heading N.W. & under about north main Top Sail. Middle part more moderate wind from the N.W. & ship heading N.W. at 6 AM made all sail on the ship. Latter part gentle breezes from the S.W. with a heavy sea running, Ship heading N.W. & under all sails to end these 24 hours all hands employed.

Lat in by Obs 36° 43' N
Long in by Obs 21° 20' W

Remarks On Board Tuesday October 9th 1838

First Part of these 24 hours Commenced with light winds from the S.W. Ship heading N.W. & under all sail. at 6 AM took in the light sails & doubled north Top Sails. Middle part gentle breezes from S.W. & W at 6 AM made all sail on the ship. Latter part light winds from the S.W. & ship heading N.W. & under all sails to end these 24 hours employed in repairing the main Top Sail.

Lat in by Obs 35° 41' N
Long in by Obs 23° 19' W

Remarks On Board Wednesday October 10th 1838

First Part of these 24 hours Commenced with light winds from the S.W. Ship heading N.W. & under all sails, at 3 PM some two sprouts sailed them. Wright Whales going quick to the windward did not lose for them. at 6 PM finished mending the main Top Sail. at 4 PM took in sail. Middle part gentle breezes from the South Ship heading N.W. & under all sails. at 6 AM made all sail on the ship. at 9 AM saw two Wright Whales. Loved the boats without success. after part light winds from the S.W. Ship heading N.W. & under all sails to end these 24 hours all hands employed.

Lat by Obs 35° 12' N
Long by Obs 24° 08' W

Atlantic Ocean Cruising for Wright Whales.

Remarks On Board Thursday October 11th 1838

First Part of these 24 hours Commenced with light winds from the S.W. Ship on different Tacks Cruising for whales. at 2 PM saw two ships off the weather beam. at 6 PM took in sail and let the ship head to the South. Latter part gentle breezes and pleasant weather. at 6 AM made all sail on the ship. at 8 AM saw a Wright Whale going quick to the windward. did not lose the boat. Latter part gentle breezes from the N.E. Ship on different Tacks Cruising for whales. saw several sperm hawks & one ship in sight to the windward. to end these 24 hours all hands employed. Lat in 35° 16' N
Long in by Obs 23° 48' W

Remarks On Board Friday October 12th 1838

First Part of these 24 hours Commenced with gentle breezes from the N.E. Ship on different Tacks Cruising for whales. at 3 PM spoke the ship Venus of Liver Capt Lewis, with no oil. at 6 PM took in sail and let the ship by under short sail. Middle part fresh Gale from the N.W. & ship heading N.W. & under short sail. Latter part the same, to end these 24 hours with a Gale of wind.

With no Obs this Day.

Remarks On Board Saturday October 13th 1838

First Part of these 24 hours Commenced with fresh Gale from the North with thick rainy weather. Ship heading N.W. & under short sail. at 6 PM made ship to the S.W. at 9 PM hauled the fore sail. Middle & Latter part fresh Gale from the North with thick rainy weather. Ship heading to the S.W. & under short sail. main Top Sail to end these 24 hours with bad weather.

No Obs this Day.