

Ship Abraham Barker. Mr Barker Jr Master.

Sunday 1863

December 18th } Commenced with fresh breezes from S.W. heading N.E. spoke with ship. Lewis, Middle and Latter parts light variable winds with pleasant weather. Lat 36. 30 S Long 38. 12 W

Monday

Dec 19th } Commenced with fresh breezes from S.W. heading N. two sail in sight. Middle and Latter parts light winds with fog. Lat 36. 15 Long 38. 38

Tuesday

Dec 20th } Commenced with fine breezes from S.W. heading N. top sail in sight. Middle and Latter parts fresh breezes from S.W. Lat 36. 40 Long 38. 01

Wednesday

Dec 21st } Commenced with fine breezes from S.W. heading N. different breeze. top sail in sight. Middle part squally Latter part variable winds Lat 36. 50 Long 37. 37

Thursday

Dec 22nd } Commenced with fine breezes from S.W. heading N. Middle and Latter parts the same. top in the Starboard Boat sent the 3.8 Mirror top gallant yards aloft several sail in sight. Lat 37. 00 Long 36. 18

Friday

Dec 23rd } Commenced with fine breezes from S.W. heading N. several sail in sight. sent the watch in sea watches. Middle and Latter parts light winds from S.W. steering N.W. Lat 37. 37 Long 35. 14

Saturday

Dec 24th } Commenced with light winds from S.W. steering N.W. several sail in sight. Middle part strong breezes from S.W. Latter part fresh breezes from S.W. heading N.E. took in the top gallant sails. Lat 39. 40 Long 33. 08

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Dec 25th } Commenced with strong gales from S.W. heading N.E. under close reefed topsails and courses ship. to N.W. Middle part the same. Latter part more moderate. one sail in sight. Lat 39. 22 S Long 34. 00 W

Monday

Dec 26th } Commenced with fresh breezes from S.W. heading N. one sail in sight. Middle and Latter parts strong gales with heavy squalls. Lat 39. 50 Long 34. 01

Tuesday

Dec 27th } Commenced with fresh gales from S.W. heading N.W. under close reefed topsails and courses. Middle part more moderate. Latter part light breezes from S.W. steering S.W. Lat 39. 54 Long 34. 21

Wednesday

Dec 28th } Commenced with fresh breezes from S.W. steering S.W. Middle part the same. Latter part fresh gales from S.W. steering S.W. Lat 39. 37 Long 34. 20

Thursday

Dec 29th } Commenced with fresh gales from S.W. steering S.E. caught a Porpoise. Middle part variable winds and squally. Latter part fresh gales from S.W. steering S.E. at 11 A.M. saw Staten Land Bearing S.W. by compass Lat 34. 20 Long 33. 12

Friday

Dec 30th } Commenced with fresh breezes from S.W. steering S. Staten Land Bearing N.W. Middle and Latter parts variable winds steering N.W. Lat 35. 58 Long 31. 28

Saturday

Dec 31st } Commenced with variable winds steering S.W. two sail in sight. Middle and Latter parts variable winds with squally weather. heading S.W. Lat 36. 48 Long 36. 35