

Ship's Journal from Whaling #39

Remarks on board Wednesday Dec 7th

Fair weather and light breeze with a fair wind from S.E. Steering by the wind, watch employed at ship's duty. Bontelens fitting boats. Saw a Schooner astern, at 4 P.M. cleared up, at 6 backed heaving E.N.E. moderate winds till 2 A.M. set in squally, reefed the topsails. At daylight fair weather, at 10 sail employed at evening

Lat 37° 28' N Long 70° 30'

Remarks on board Thursday Dec 8th

Fair weather warm & pleasant with a moderate wind from S. by S.E. Ship by the wind. Watch employed at various duties. At 4 P.M. cleared up. For part the night pleasant with a bright moonlight. At 10 P.M. strong wind and set in thick. Latter part showing a moderate gale from S. reefed & furled the fore & Mizzen topsails, and closed reefed the main topsail. Latter part staying under closed reef topsail.

Lat 37° 27' N Long 67° 42'

Remarks on board Friday Dec 9th

Showing a moderate gale, ship then to under closed reef topsail. At midnight set fore & Mizzen topsails, at 2 A.M. took them in at 4 steering E by S with the wind from S.E. at 5 wind veered suddenly to N.W. with rain, steering S.E. blowed strong during the night, at daylight moderate turned out the reef and set in topsail.

Lat 36° 06' N Long

Outward Bound Capt. Hathaway

Remarks on Saturday Dec 10th
Strong winds and a heavy sea heaving steering S.E. the watch employed at ship's duty at 2 P.M. cleared up scattered is thick of clouds. Green hands have all got over sea sickness, and can steer a very good trick so far everything good. Wood a moderate breeze through the night, after breakfast hands employed at washing spars over the stern and put a spare main topmast up alongside of the mainmast, the 2nd booby fell down and hurt his wrist.

Lat 34° 5' N Long 63° 5' W

Remarks on Sunday Dec 11th
Showing a moderate breeze from S.W. steering a course S.E. by S. No maned the main heads for the first time but not anything seen. The watch employed at sending up fore & Mizzen topgallant yards and spied up a spare gaffmast alongside of the foremast weather pleasant and mild, at 4 P.M. cleared up and washed off, through the head strong hauled and great, cleared down the topsails and reefed them, the morning weather fair & good.

Lat 33° 15' N Long 61° 56' W

Remarks on Monday Dec 12th

Blowing strong from N.W. steering a course S.E. by S. nothing of any consequence is going on today, only what is really necessary through the night moderate winds and pleasant weather. Latter part broke out the fore hatchway got out lumber and set the carpenter at work making a bench & cooper employed at driving cask. The weather light air from N.W. and pleasant, one man of duty sick by name Bradford, so ends.

Lat 31° 37' N Long 60° 23' W