

Remarks on board the Ship Sarah. J. Swift Master / 55

Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> / 55 this day Commences with light winds from the Northward, steering to the wind heading to the Westward, middle part the wind and weather much the same. Latter part the wind increases, headed to the Westward. Lat-31° 56' S. Lon-36° 49' West.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> first part a strong Breeze from N.W. steering to the wind heading N.E. The oil mazara comes on deck. Middle and latter part squalls of wind and rain, steering N.E. Lat-30° 35' S. Lon-35° 25' West.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Commences with light winds from the Southward steering N.E. Took 25 Bbls of water out of the Fore hold, and secured the F<sup>o</sup> B<sup>o</sup> Boom. Middle part the wind and weather much the same. Latter part calm and pleasant weather. employed airing the Abigals Whale Bone & wetting the oil.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> This day commences with calm and pleasant weather, heading to the Northward. Middle part light winds from all quarters, accompanied with rain. Latter part a strong breeze from N.W. steering by the wind heading N.E. & E. passed a whale ship steering to the N.E. Lat-29° 35' S. Lon-34° 00' 30" West.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> first part a strong double reefed Topsyail Breeze heading N.E. & E. 1 ship in sight, and remains the same all these 24 hours, spoke the Barque North America of N.L. Capt Bartlett came on board. Lat-28° 54' S. Lon-32° 50' West.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> light winds, accompanied with heavy rain all these 24 hours, heading to the Northward. The N.A. in sight.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Commences with light winds from the S.E. and continual rain storm. the Barque N.A. in sight. Middle and latter part the wind and weather much the same. employed wetting the oil and studding.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> This day commences with heavy squalls of wind and rain from all quarters, working to the Northward, the Barque N.A. in sight. Middle and latter part heavy squalls of wind and rain from N.E. steering to the wind heading N.W. passed 3 vessels steering to the N.E. split the Fly jib and parted the F<sup>o</sup> B<sup>o</sup> sail sheet.

Lat 24° 08' S. Lon-33° 34' West



Remarks on board the ship Sarah of Mattapoisett.  
Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> 1855. This day commences with heavy squalls  
of wind and rain from the Northward steering by the wind  
heading N.W. by W. finished repairing the F.G. Chiddle & latter  
part the wind and weather much the same. carrying a heavy  
press of sail to go the Northward. see several vessels.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> commences with heavy squalls of wind and rain  
from N.W. by E. heading N.W. At 4 AM took ship and headed  
East. Middle part the wind and weather much the same.  
at daylight veered ship and headed N.W. by N. latter part more  
moderate made all sail. passed a large ship heading to the N.W.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> first part a pleasant Breeze from N.W. by E.  
steering by the wind heading N.W. 1 sail in sight  
employed mending the sail and other ships duty.  
Middle and latter part the weather much the same  
heading N.W. by E.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> commences with light winds  
from N.W. by E. steering by the wind heading N.W. by E.  
employed shooting water casks and other ships duty.  
Middle and latter part heavy squalls of wind and rain  
from the Eastward steering by the wind heading N.W. by E.  
Employed washing Whale Bone.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> commences with passing squalls of wind and  
rain from the Eastward. steering by the wind heading  
N.W. by E. Middle and latter part the wind and weather  
much the same. Employed washing Whale Bone.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> first part a strong Breeze from the Eastward  
steering N.W. by E. Middle part heavy squalls of wind and rain  
latter part more moderate heading N.W. by E. finished washing  
the Whale Bone. wet the oil.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> This day commences with a strong Breeze from the  
Eastward steering by the wind heading N.W. by E. Middle & latter  
part the wind and weather much the same. unvent  
and repaired the F.G. sail.

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Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> 1855. commences with a strong Breeze  
from the Eastward. steering by the wind heading N.W. by E.  
sent the F.G. sail. Middle part the wind and weather much  
the same. latter part light air from the Eastward and pleasant  
weather. heading to the Northward. see several vessels. employed  
Drying and Unloading Whale Bone.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> first part light air from the Southward steering  
N.W. by E. Bundled and stowed down 47 Bundles of Whale Bone.  
Middle and latter part heavy squalls of wind and rain  
from the Eastward. steering N.W. by E.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> this day commences with squalls of wind  
and rain from the Eastward. steering N.W. by E. see 2 ships.  
wet the hold. Middle part a pleasant Breeze from the Eastward.  
steering N.W. by E. latter part the wind and weather much the same  
steering N.W. by E. Employed repairing the Mainsail see 1 ship  
and 1 Barque and spoke to steamer showing English colours  
with her name on the head boards in large gilt letters.  
her Bulworks Wheel house and wheel and funnel  
appeared to be a complete wreck. they wished to be reported  
they had 3 Gurey masts rigged and was working to the  
Southward. she appeared to be a vessel of 400 tons Burthen  
she was painted black with a red ribbon. the 2<sup>nd</sup> officer  
remains sick not able to do duty.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> commences with a pleasant Breeze  
from the Eastward. steering N.W. by E. Middle and  
latter part the wind and weather much the same  
steering N.W. by E. see 2 vessels. steering to the Northward.  
Employed repairing the Mainsail Bundling Bone  
and setting up Rigger and other ships duty.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> first part a pleasant Breeze from the  
Southward steering N.W. by E. stowed down 46 Bundles  
of Whale Bone which makes 93 Bundles. marked Ta  
Middle and latter part the wind and weather much the same  
Employed setting up Rigger.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> This day commences with a pleasant  
Breeze from the Southward steering N.W. by E. Middle and  
latter part the wind and weather much the same  
wet the hold and pumped ship John Pierce takes charge  
of the Starboard Watch.



Remarks on Board the ship Sarah of Massachusetts

Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> 1855. Commences with light winds from the N.E. by E. steering N. by W. Middle and latter part heavy squalls of wind and rain steering by the wind heading N. by W. W.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> first part light winds from E. by S. steering N. by W. Middle part passing squalls of wind and rain latter part a strong breeze from the N.E. heading N. by W. accompanied with heavy rain.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> this day commences with a strong breeze from the N.E. steering by the wind heading N. by W. Employed wetting the oil and other ships duty. Middle and latter part the wind and weather much the same.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> commences with strong breezes from the N.E. by N. steering N. by W. Middle and latter part the wind and weather much the same, steering N. by W. N. carried away the F.F. Boom.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> first part strong breezes from the N.E. steering N. by W. N. employed securing the head gear and making a F.F. Boom out of a condemned topsail. Middle and latter part the wind and weather much the same. Employed repairing F.F. G. sail.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> this day commences with a strong breeze from the N.E. steering N. by W. N. finished the F.F. Boom. Middle and latter part the wind and weather much the same, steering N. by W. N.

Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> commences with a strong breeze from E. by S. steering N. by W. N. sent out the F.F. Boom. Middle and latter part the wind and weather much the same. hoisted 3 casks of water out of the F. hold. Wet the oil.

Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> 1855 first part a strong breeze from E. by S. accompanied with pleasant weather steering N. by W. N. Middle and latter part the wind and weather much the same. exchanged signals with a Brig showing French colours. she was steering to the Northward. a seaman named Megil Pizara sick of duty since the 29<sup>th</sup>.

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Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1855. this day commences with light winds from E. by S. and pleasant weather steering N. by W. N. Middle and latter part the wind and weather much the same. employed fitting Rigger & painting the Cabin.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> commences with light winds from the Eastward and pleasant weather. steering N. by W. N. all hands employed. Rattling the Rigger and other Ships duty. Pumped ship. Middle and latter part the wind and weather much the same all hands employed fitting Rigger.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> first part a pleasant breeze from the Eastward steering N. by W. N. see a Brig steering to the Westward. Middle and latter part the wind and weather much the same. Employed wetting the oil, and other ships duty.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> commences with light winds from E. by S. and pleasant weather steering N. by W. N. Middle and latter part a strong breeze from the Northward and pleasant weather steering by the wind heading N. by W. N. passed a Barque heading to the N. by W. N.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> this day commences with a strong breeze from the Northward steering by the wind heading N. by W. N. Middle and latter part the wind and weather much the same steering N. by W. N.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> first part light winds from E. by S. and pleasant weather steering N. by W. N. employed working in the Rigger and other ships duty. see 3 ships. Middle part calm. latter part a pleasant breeze from the Southward steering N. by W. N. all hands employed painting ship.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> commences with a pleasant breeze from the Southward steering N. by W. N. see 3 Barques. all hands employed painting ship. Middle part the wind and weather much the same. latter part a strong breeze from E. by S. employed painting ship.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> this day commences with a strong breeze from E. by S. steering N. by W. furled the F.F. and the F. G. sail and put 2 reefs in the F. topsail and 1 reef in the Mize sail. Middle and latter part a strong breeze from the Northward heading to the Westward.



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Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> /55. this day commences with  
a pleasant Breeze from the N.E. and pleasant weather  
steering N.W. employed painting ship. Middle and  
latter part light winds from the Eastward employed painting  
the lower masts and other ships duty.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Lat-31.10 N. Lon-67.27 W. Sun-67.42 West.  
commences with light winds from the S.E.  
and pleasant weather steering N.W. employed painting ship  
and taring the standing Rigging. Middle part the wind and  
weather much the same. Steering N.W. N. latter  
part a strong Breeze from the S.W. employed taring  
Rigging and other ships duty. steering N.W. N.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Lat-31.10 N. Lon-67.27 W. Sun-67.42 West.  
first part a moderate Gale from  
the N.W. accompanied with heavy squalls of  
wind and rain. furled the Top sails. Mizzen T. sail  
Jib and Main sail and set 2 reefers in the F & M  
Top sail. steering by the wind heading N.E. Middle and  
latter part the wind and weather much the same  
employed repairing the Mizzen Top sail and heaving the  
T. works overboard. have 1 Broken Sympot over board.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Lat-33.50 N. Lon-68.03 West.  
this day commences with a moderate  
Gale from the N.W. steering by the wind heading N.E. N.  
bent the Mizzen Top sail. Middle part the wind and  
weather much the same. latter part a strong  
Breeze from the Northward steering by the wind  
heading W. N. shook the reefers out of the F & M  
Top sail set the T. Jib. the F & M Main Top. L. sail  
employed painting ship and other ships duty. shooked  
6 water casks.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Lat-34.20 N. Lon-67.58 West.  
commences with a strong Breeze from the  
Northward steering by the wind heading N.E. N.  
Middle part light winds heading N.E. N. latter part a strong  
Breeze from the Westward and pleasant weather steering by  
the wind heading N.E. N. see 1 ship employed breaking  
out in the Fore Hold for shewks.

Lat-35.40 N. Lon-68.18 West.

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Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> /55. this day commences with a strong  
Breeze from the N.W. steering by the wind heading N.W.  
furled the light sails and put 1 reef in the Mizzen Top sail  
and 2 in the Fore Top sail. Middle part the wind increases  
to a moderate Gale with a heavy sea from the N.W. furled  
the Jib. Main sail & F. T. sail. and close reefed the Main &  
Mizzen Top sail. steering by the wind heading N.W. N.  
latter part more moderate set the close reefed F. T. sail  
and Main Spencer. see a schooner steering to the Eastward.  
Megal pegs are sick off duty.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Lat-36.22 N. Lon-69.33 W.  
Commences with a Gale of Wind from  
the S.W. steering N.W. W. under 3 close reefed  
Top sails and Fore sail. Middle part had a heavy squall  
from the N.W. furled the Fore and Mizzen top sail. steering  
by the wind heading N.E. N. latter part a pleasant  
Breeze from the Northward steering by the wind heading  
N.W. W. made all sail. employed repairing the  
spare Fore Top sail wetting the oil and other ships duty.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Lat-37.50 N. Lon-69.50 West.  
first part a pleasant Breeze from N.E. N.  
steering N.W. W. under all sail. finished repairing  
the Fore Top sail. Middle part light winds from  
the N.E. and pleasant weather steering N.W. N.  
latter part calm. unbent and repaired the Fore Top sail  
see 1 ship.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Lat-38.10 N. Lon-71.10 W.  
this day commences with calm  
and pleasant weather. employed scraping down sp. are  
and other ships duty. Middle part a pleasant Breeze  
from the Southward steering N.W. N. latter part the wind  
from the S.W. accompanied with fog. steering N.E. N.  
Exchanged signals with the North America of N. London  
see 2 other ships.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Lat-39.30 N. Lon-72.31 West.  
commences with light winds from the  
Southward steering North. had a heavy thunder squall  
took in all sail. and set it again. At sunset thick  
fog with light airs from the S.E. steering N.E. N.  
Middle and latter part the wind and weather much the  
same. at 6 P.M. sounded in 28 fms got white sand and shells  
employed sending up the Fore & Mizzen Royal Mast.



Remarks on Board the Ship Sarah of Martha's Vineyard  
Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> commences with light baffling winds  
and pleasant weather. steering N.E. at 1 P.M. spoke  
the New York Pilot Boat No. 21. reported Montauk  
Point bearing N.E. distance 50 miles. Middle and  
latter part a strong Breeze from E.N.E. accompanied with  
rain and heavy thunder squalls. at 9 A.M. see Montauk  
Point bearing N.E. by N. put 2 reefs in each Top sail  
steering by the wind heading N.E. by E. at 6 reeved  
and headed N by E. at 10 reeved and headed S.E. by E.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> this day commences with a moderate Gale  
from N.W. accompanied with thick fog and rain  
furlled the fore and Main sail. at sun set the Gale increased  
clewed up the Fore & Mizzen Top sail. Middle part the wind  
increases to a heavy Gale with heavy thunder & lightning  
furlled the Fore sail and close reefed the Main Top sail  
sailing by heading E by N. latter part the wind comes out  
from the N.W. and is pleasant weather. made all sail  
steering by the wind heading N.E. by E.

Sunday 22 first part light winds from the Westward and pleasant  
weather steering North under all sail. see several sails  
standing in all directions

BINDER'S NOTE

Author: Ship Fabius  
Title: At Sea 1849 - 1851  
Place and date:

Condition when received: Leather on spine rotted. Marbled sides  
badly worn and torn and disfigured by mildew. Pages acid and  
stained.

Work performed: Disassembled book, sterilized with ethylene oxide,  
cleaned pages and washed in hot water to reduce stains.  
Decidified, mended and guarded as necessary and reserved on four  
linen tapes. Rebound in 3/4 calfskin with Japanese paper sides  
under remnants of original marbled paper sides. Replaced  
original end sheets in front.

Signed *George M. Cunha* Sept. 5, 1967

George M. Cunha



