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Ship Hunter of New Bedford

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Capt. Abel S. Tobey Sailed Oct 30, 1863

Sunday Oct 25th - 1863

A good breeze from the south south east steering close to the wind all sail set but main sprit one sail in sight which we supposed was the bark Brunster. about noon the mast call ed all hands aft and distributed some books and papers sent aboard by the port society and also putted all work on sundays except it is necessary and also took sweeping on deck. at sunset trimmed sheets. so ends this day.

Monday Oct 26th

Strong winds from the south east steering close to the wind. in the morning took fire the topgallant sails the weather squally. the watch at work setting up the topmast back stays fore and aft and also topgallant back stays and breaking out reef fore and mizzen at sunset took in the flying jib blowing hard.

Tuesday Oct 27th

This day commences with strong winds from the south east steering close to the wind under short sail. the watch at work making scrub brooms and making a boat sail for the row boat. and also putting chafing gear on the rigging. one sail in sight standing to the northward. at sunset trimmed sheets. so ends this day.

Wednesday Oct 28th

A good breeze from the south steering close to the wind from south. in the morning struck the topsail of the topsails and set the topgallant sails fore and aft. one sail in sight standing to the north east. the watch at work in the morning and all hands in the after noon breaking out the old rigging out of the fore hold and breaking out the sail pen and fixing the cutting gear and painting head and flukes chafes. and also making a boat sail and stowing away some straw at sunset cleared up decks. so ends this day.

Thursday Oct 29th

A good breeze from the south west steering south east under all sail but main royal. the watch at work stripping old rope and making mats. in the afternoon called all hands to break out sliding rail beams and bend them on and get them ready to send up and also to put shammers on the stanchions and doing other work in the rigging and on deck. so ends this day.