

Ship Vile of New Bedford

1837

Saturday Jan 21st Cont.

First part brisk wind from S.W. and thick cloudy weather. At 4 P.M. set the standing sails and stowed A.W. to best. At 10 do took in the Main top Mast and Gallant Standing sails. So under squally looking weather.
Lat obs. 29.55 North. Long by C. 64.04.43.W.

Sunday Jan 22nd

First part strong gales from S.W. to S.S.W. and thick squally weather. Course N.W. by west with all sails set to the best advantage. At 6 P.M. the weather looking very bad took in our Standing sails and all light sails and put a reef in the top-sails.

Middle part strong gales and had hurricane squalls attended with rain thunder and lightning took in all sail but the main spruce and fore top Mast staysail and lay by. Ship labouring hard headed to the N.W.

Second part much the same strong gales from W.S.W. to S.W. and had hurricane squalls with hazy weather. At 6 A.M. set the fore spruce. At 10 do set the close reefed main top sail so was ship labouring hard headed to the N.W.

Lat obs. 31.10. N. Long by C. 66.4.45 W.

Monday Jan 23rd

First part strong gales from S.W. to west and N.W. and thick rainy hurricane squally weather lay by under storm sails heading from W.S.W. to N.W. and N. at 3 P.M. sent down the Main top Gallant Yard. At 4 P.M. turned up our Parbuss.

From Cape Horn towards Home

Tuesday Jan 23. continued

Boat and wore ship to the S.W. Middle part strong gales from N.W. to N.E. and had squalls lay by under storm sail headed from S.W. to S.S.W.

Second part much the same strong gales from N.W. to west and thick cloudy weather lay by under storm sail heading to the S.W. so was hard luck in favourable winds.
Lat obs. 30.49. North. Long by C. 66.01. west

Wednesday Jan 24.

First part brisk wind from W.S.W. stood to the S.W. under short sail weather looking very bad and a very bad sea from the N.W. At 4 P.M. more moderate shook the reefs out of the fore and main top sail.

Middle part moderate breezes and variable stood to the S.W.

Second part light breezes from W. to W.S.W. and thick hazy weather stood to the N.W. by the wind at 10 A.M. sent up the fore top Gallant yard at 10 do sent up the Mizzen top Gallant Yard and main Royal Yard and set the sails so was
Lat obs. 30.55 North. Long by C. 66.09.15 W.

Thursday Jan 25th

First part brisk wind from W.S.W. and thick flying clouds Course N.W. with all sails set to the best advantage. This Day our water and printing our water to grow short very fast and by calculation finding we have but 500 Gals more on Board and the winter coast to continue with and being thirty one in number thought it prudent to go on an allowance according by at 4 P.M. struck out 2 qts for each man for 24 Hours.