

Ship's Log from Canton to Boston 1842

Thursday  
May 19  
60  
These 24 hours strong breeze & cloudy S. S. course 74 by 40 with all prudent sail on the ship with heavy sea running so end this day  
lat 25 18 N  
long 52 43 E

Friday  
May 20  
These 24 hours strong breeze S. S. course 74 took in all sail to start reefed sail at 1 P.M. made all sail to reefs at 12 double reefed the topsails so end this day  
lat 25 30 N  
long 50 00 E

Saturday  
May 21  
These 24 hours strong gales of heavy squalls & some lightning & heavy thunder from the S. S. course I took in all sail to start reefed topsail at 4 P.M. & put spinnaker out another & bent it at 12 took in four topsail at 4 P.M. took in four sail of fore shift too heading S. S. 74 with a strong gale from the S. S. of heavy sea on so end this day  
lat 25 40 N  
long 48 00 E

Sunday  
May 22  
These 24 hours strong gales from the S. S. course 74 at 4 P.M. set fore sail & start reefed topsail at 8 M set double reefed topsail, main sail middle latter part moderate breeze all sail from 9 to 12 got all sail on the ship & course 74 by 40 so end this day  
lat 26 05 N  
long 47 15 E

Capt William G. Blackley, Com 1842

Monday  
May 23  
These 24 hours fine from the S. S. course 74 by 40 with all sail on the ship latter part equally at 11 A.M. made Cape St. Mary's bearing S. S. by S. 40 dist 25 miles of 90 lat so end this day  
lat 26 00 N  
long 45 00 E

Tuesday  
May 24  
These 24 hours fresh breeze from the S. S. course 74 middle part to some latter part equally with rain & thunder took in fore topsail & double reefed topsail & top gallant sail so end this day  
lat 26 47 N  
long 42 19 E

Wednesday  
May 25  
These 24 hours fine breeze & cloudy with rain at 8 P.M. double reefed the topsail middle fore turned out reefs & top gallant sail & top gallant sail at 12 equally single reefed the topsail at 1 P.M. set top gallant sail & rigged in flying jibboom latter part equally of rainy lat so end this day  
lat 27 25 N  
long 40 04 E

Thursday  
May 26  
These 24 hours light & cloudy from the S. S. course 74 middle latter part 24 hours of light winds from the S. S. clear so end this day  
lat 28 15 N  
long 38 20 E

Friday  
May 27  
These 24 hours light breeze from the S. S. course 74 middle latter part fine breeze of clear so end this day  
lat 29 05 N  
long 37 14 E