

Journal on Board Bark Smirna of N. B.

Took the anchor.

Thursday Dec. 8th 1853.

At 10 A.M. took the anchor and stood out past Clark's point with light breezes from the Northward and pleasant weather. So ends this day.

Put Back

Friday Dec. 9th 1853.

Commences with very light baffling breezes and calms, at about 10 A.M. put back on account of the wind and tide being unfavorable, at 3 P.M. came too anchor off Clark's point and lay through the night, latter part very light airs from the Northward at 8 A.M. took the anchor and stood out again under all sail, at 11 A.M. the wind S.W. again and very light, braced up and tried our skill at beating. So ends these 24 hours.

Gay Head

Saturday Dec. 10th 1853.

Begins with very light airs and calms, at 2 A.M. took a light breeze from the S.W. with a fair tide, at 5 P.M. nearly out to Cuttewhunk light, discharged the pilot, stowed the anchor, put on the bowsprit shrouds, and set gatches for the night, at 9 P.M. Gay Head light bearing E. Ship heading S. at midnight hauled up S.W. with the wind from E. and increasing so that we came down to double reefed topsails and courses, latter part fresh gales from E. N. E. heading S. East under a close reefed main topsail and foresail, passed a ship that had carried away her flying jib boom and fore top gallant mast, (supposed her to be the Arab of Fairhaven.)
So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 40° 10' N.
Long. at 9 A.M. By Ac 70° 21' 30" W.

Gale

Sunday Dec. 11th 1853.

Commences with strong gales from E. N. East and cloudy laying under a close reefed main topsail and fore topmast staysail heading to the S.W. middle part the same latter part strong gales from the N. E. and clear laying under a close reefed main topsail and fore spencer heading E. S. E.
So ends &c. Lat. By obs. 39° 43'. Long. By D. R. 69° 40'.