

Journal of a voyage in the Atlantic

Ocean on board bark Tropic Bird of New Bedford

Wednesday Dec 11th 1855

First part moderate gale from N.W. with heavy squalls. Latter part wind hauls to S.E. with light weather. Saw a sail steering to S. Lat by D. 34.30 N. Lon. 33.19 W. Long. 71.12 W.

Thursday Dec 12th

First part moderate breeze from E., latter part hauls to S. with heavy gale. Shortened sail to double reef M.J. sail & fore sail. Saw 3 sails. Consulted. Lat by D. 37.25 N. Lon. 33.15 W. Long. 71.45 W.

Friday Dec. 12th

Commences with heavy gale from S. & cloudy. At 2 P.M. increased with heavy sea. Close reefed M.J. sail and luffed fore to N.W. At 7 P.M. wind hauls to W. wore ship to S. At 8 P.M. moderates, and hauls, kept away N. Ends at N.W. Five sail in sight steering to S. Lat by D. 38.25 N. Lon. 38.15 W. Long. 71.38 W.

Saturday Dec. 13th

Commences with moderate breeze from N.W. At 12 M. saw Little Egg Hart. light and Barnagat. Hauled to S. and rounded in. Kept away N.E. by E. at 10 A.M. saw Long Island. Saw many sail. Steering to S.E. Lat. 40.51 N.

Sunday Dec. 14th

Fine breeze from N.W. & clear weather, middle calm. Latter part cloudy wind at S.E. At 9 A.M. took a pilot from Cuttyhunk and anchored in the inner harbor at 11 A.M. New Bedford