

Case of *Mark Courset*

Reports of Survey.

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New Bedford.

Found the jib and flying jib booms with the sails and rigging belonging to them gone. The bowsprit in its place, having the appearance of being sprung. The foremast cut away about 15 inches above the deck, and on board; the head broken off, the top broken and truss trees a little split; the fore truss, its band and sling good; the futlock shrouds damaged; the fore yard broken and its rigging damaged; the port shrouds good, starboard ones cut; Longyuds all cut. These all remain on board. The fore topmast, topgallant mast and royal mast with spars and rigging belonging to them entirely gone except the fore topsail sheets one of which was broken and parted.

The mainmast is carried away even with the deck and with all the spars and rigging thereto belonging entirely gone. The mizen mast carried away about three feet above the deck, and is on board; the head and cross-trees broken off, the shrouds cut, shank's gaff broken. All other spars and rigging above and below, thereto belonging, gone.

Found the foremast and shank's on board, very rotten sail, except the fore royal, with rigging and blocks gone.

The main mast baly sail is broken and its bitts started. Windlass sprung forward, its bitts started

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up and gear slightly damaged. Two after boat davits are wrenched from their position, their fastenings and braces damaged. Mizen sail sliced abreast the foremast davit of the two mentioned. Two slide boards gone. About four feet of the guard on mizen upper channel and about a foot of the channel gone. The forward overhead beam standard out of place and fastenings broken. Weather on larboard side broken off even with the sail. Some cleats and baly pins broken.

On starboard side found one fore bome main chain plate bent down. Mopple and lower fore channel guards damaged. Main sail, monkey sail, lark sail and bulwarks broken split and gone, more or less, for about 15 feet just forward of the gangway. Rail and wood work over the bowsprit started up. Monkey sail and bulwarks just abaft the gangway broken and split for about six feet. Mopple main channel guard broken off two or three feet. Three lower deadeyes split. Forward overhead beam standard gone. One slide board gone and one boat crane out of position. One and a half dozen baly pins broken.

Found two whale boats on board, both badly stowed. Another one is said to have been lost, together with one dozen cutting spades and poles. Two anchors, sixty fathoms of port chain cable and forty five fathoms of starboard chain cable with 75 fathoms of 2 in Manila cordage as buoy rope, shipped and lost.

On examining her bottom, found the shoening mostly gone 20 feet aft and 25 feet forward. Also other bruises here and there the entire length of the shoening.