

The Log Book of Ship Bowditch On A

Wednesday Sept the 19th 1849

Commenced with light breezes from the N.W. and the weather fine, the ship lying at anchor at Pecks Rocks, at 1 P.M. got underway and proceeded down the river with all sail set. At 4 P.M. passed Newport and at 5 Stowed the Anchors and unlent the Chainers and put them below. at 7 chose watches and set the Watch for the night, same time Block Island bore per Compass W.S.W. Dist 5 Leagues, at 9 P.M. kept off South, at 11 M.N. strong breezes from the N.E. furled the top gallant sail and flying jib, and kept the Ship S.E. at 7 A.M. moderate and set light sails the wind veering to the East, the 24 hours end with a fresh breeze from the East with fair weather the Watch Employed fitting the Boats
Lat by Obs 39.52, Long by Chron 69.58.

Thursday Sept the 20th 1849

these 24 hours commenced with fresh breezes from the East and fair weather, the Ship with all sail set standing by the wind to the S.S.E. at 9 P.M. increasing gales from the S.E. furled the top gallant sail and flying jib at 12 M.N. strong gales with rain. Double reefed the fore and Mizzen top sails and furled the Spanker, and 4 AM Double reefed the main top sail, from 4 to 12 fresh gales from the S.E. attended with rain and a large sea, ship heading S.S.W. this ends, Sun obscure Lat by Obs 37.57, Long by Chron 69.53 West

Friday Sept the 21st 1849

Commenced with fresh gales from the S.E. attended with rain and rugged weather, the Ship under Double reefed top sail jib and main sail, standing by the wind to the S.S.W. the Watch Employed fitting the Boats, the middle part squally with heavy rain, at 11 P.M. veered Ship to the S.E. and at day light let the reefs out of the top sails, the latter part light breezes with occasional squalls of rain
Lat by Obs 37.21 North, Long by Chron 69.37 West

Saturday Sept the 22nd

makes its appearance with a light breeze from the S.E. and a heavy swell and cloudy weather, at 1 P.M. had a squall from the North, braced around the yards and kept the Ship S.E. under whole top sails jib and main sail at 12 M.N. strong gales from the N.N.E. and single reefed the Mizzen top sail, and at 3 P.M. Double reefed the fore top sail, the latter part strong gales and fair weather
Lat by Obs 36.10 Long by Chron 67.08

Whaling Voyage. Nelson J. Waldron Master 1849

Sunday Sept the 23rd 1849

Commenced with strong breezes from the North, and fair weather, at 1 P.M. let the reefs out of the top sails and set the main top gallant sail, Steering S.S.E. at 10 P.M. the wind hauled to the W.N.W. squared the yards and kept the Ship S.W. and set the fore and Mizzen top gallant sails, at Daylight triced the Mast Heads, at 6 P.M. passed the Whaling Brig Jane Howes of Provincetown standing North, ends with a pleasant breeze from the West and fine weather Lat by Obs 35.51
Long by Chron 62.57

Monday Sept the 24th 1849

A continuation of light breezes from the West with fine weather the Ship with all Bracing sail set Steering S by S. at 10 P.M. strong breezes from the S.W. and took in fore and Mizzen top gallant sails, and at 3 A.M. increasing breezes and furled the main top gallant sail, the latter part fresh gales and fair weather the Watch employed fitting the Boats
Lat by Obs 35.27 Long by Chron 62.28 West

Tuesday Sept the 25th

Commenced with fresh gales from the S.W. and squally, Ship under whole top sails jib and main sail, steering S by S. at 3 P.M. the wind shifted in a squall from the West squared the yards and set the main top gallant sail, the middle part fresh breezes from the N.W. set the fore and Mizzen top gallant sails, jib and flying jib, the latter part light breezes and pleasant weather the Watch employed fitting for Whaling
at 12 M. hauled up Bunt, Lat by Obs 35.26 Long by Chron 60.38

Wednesday Sept the 26th

the first part of these 24 hours light breeze from the N.W. and fine weather, all sail set to the breeze steering East, the middle part light breezes from the West, and the latter part light airs and calm one sail in sight to the N.E. the Watch employed in sundry jobs over calm and very warm, Lat by Obs 35.32
Long by Chron 58.58 West

Thursday Sept the 27th

Continues calm and pleasant at one P.M. a light breeze from the Southward braced the yards sharp, Ship heading to the East, the middle part squally with some rain at 1 P.M. furled the fore and Mizzen top gallant sails the latter part strong breezes and squally, at 10 P.M. furled the main top gallant sail and flying jib the watch employed on ships duty
Lat by Obs 32.12 Long by Chron 57.09