

Barge Brunette Towards Woods Hole

Wednesday first part light airs from the N^w Barge
Augth 9 heading S^w and W^lW middle & latter calm
1848 at 8 AM while in the act of lowering the Waste Boat
to try the current accidentally lost the lid and line
they both sunk to rise no more; however I had no
hand in it or else there would have been more hot
water; latter part the watch employed in making
a new line and painting the new made signal
our horn Barge in sight from the mast head

Lat by obs 34° 29' N
Long by Obs 65° 56' W

Thursday
Augth 10 these 24 hours ^{begin} with calm weather; at 8 in the evening
1848 a light breeze sprang up from the E^{SE}; at daylight
cutted to the Southward; course to byel^l finished making
the deep sea line; saw three sails from the mast head;
latter part fresh breezes from the S^{SE}; making
a considerable progress towards home; I was in hopes
to have got there before camp meeting commenced
but have got disappointed

Lat by obs 34° 32' N
Long by Obs 67° 13' W

Friday
Augth 11 began with a brisk gale from the S^{SE} course to byel^l
1848 at 2 PM had a moderate tempest which lasted about
an hour chud up the topsails & handed the light sails
middle part strong breezes Barge heading N^w by the
Capt. Luce more unwell than usual; at 10 AM took
a heavy squall from the N^w handed the light sails
chud up and double reefed the topsails; at noon more
moderate turned out the reefs and set the topsails;
13 months out to day and only 300 lbs

Lat by obs 35° 74' N
Long by Obs 69° 26' W

E M Luce Master

Saturday
Augth 12 commenced with brisk breezes from the S^{SE} course
1848 N^w by N carrying all prudent crew; at 5 PM came on squally
with Thunder and lightning brought the Barge down to a
double reefed main topsail; took in the Waste Boat on
hatch bars got ready for a severe gale of winds at 10 in the
evening the wind abated made sails & wore ship to the
Southward middle & latter part fine weather wind
from the N^w dead ahead for us as it can blow
at daylight put the Waste Boat out on the cranes;
after breakfast took all of the old rigging on deck
craved a part of it and gave the rest a sea test;
saw a Barge steering to the Eastward

Lat by obs 35° 52' N
Long by Obs 69° 51' W

Sunday
Augth 13 these 24 hours commenced with moderate breezes
1848 from the Westward Barge heading S^{SE}; at 10 in
the evening ^{taken} ship headed up N^w; at 12 midnight
tacked to the Southward; at daylight tacked ship
again headed up N^w; at 10 wind cutted to the S^{SE}
course W^lW set the fore topmast studding sail
latter part fresh breezes and thick overcast weather
the old Barge going at the rate of 5 miles per hour

Lat by obs 35° 25' N
Long by Obs 70° 35' W