

Bark Matilda Sears of Dartmouth Capt Howland
Remarks June 29th 1863

Fore part moderating made some sail & saw
some Finbacks. The wind from the NW
heading to the NW & too sail in sight
at 7 P.M. saw three Right Whales. Midace part
had some rain squalls at daylight saw three Whales
came all hands & lowered very niggard the Whales
went to windward did not get fast came on board
at 8 P.M. saw 4 more Whales lowered & chased
all the forenoon without getting fast

Long 79° 10' W Lat 44° 23' S

Remarks Mon Dec 30th

Fore part strong breeze from NW at 2 P.M. saw
another whale at 3 lowered & chased till 5 without
success the ship heading SE by S at 5 P.M.
Midace part much the same latter part breezing
on with rain saw one whale going quick to windward
sporting once & twice at a rising took in the fore & span
No Ob

Remarks Tues Dec 1st

Fore part a gale from the NW took in the fore sail
& close reefed the main took the tops out of the Boats
bore ship to the NW & then up the NW boat took in the
main top sail at 6 P.M. blowing hard with rain in
squalls at 11 P.M. began to moderate latter part
moderate breeze from the NW heading SE by S

Long 79° 10' W Lat 44° 34' S

Remarks Wed Dec 2nd

Fore part a gale from the NW heading to the
NW rather moderating at 6 P.M. down reefed the
fore top sail & set it Midace & latter part
much the same

Long 78° 57' W Lat 44° 25' S

Cruising on Chili

Remarks Thurs Dec 3rd 1863

Fore part a gale from the NW same ship to the NW
clear overhead part of the time Midace part breezing
on again from the NW with rain latter part blowing heavy
bore up the NW & Bow Boats No Ob

Remarks Fri Dec 4th

Fore part a gale from the NW heading SE by S at
4 P.M. moderating some plenty of birds round the ship
Midace & latter part the sea continues

Lat 44° 24' S

Remarks Sat Dec 5th

Fore part a gale from the NW heading to the NW
with heavy squalls with rain at 6 P.M. the wind became
more to the S & came up to Midace part the same
latter part moderating at the fore top sail

Long 78° 24' W Lat 43° 51' S

Remarks Sun Dec 6th

Fore part the wind moderating from the NW & up
bore out for water started a quantity of Modaks & a
bunch of Porks saw two sails Midace part breezing
on latter part a gale with fog & rain heading to the
SE by S

Remarks Mon Dec 7th

Fore part strong gale from the NW with thick foggy
weather Midace part moderating at daylight commenced
raining about calm at 11 A.M. stopped raining but
bore & started a surge of Bof No Ob

Remarks Tues Dec 8th

Fore part calm at 4 P.M. took a light breeze from the NE
steering NW with cloudy weather Midace part breezing
to the wind latter part a gale from the NW heading
SE by S Long 80° 12' W Lat 44° 15' S

Bore out for Sugar