

Bark Matilda Sears

Thursday November 11th

Commences with light breeze from N.W. with pleasant weather ship by the wind heading to the south at sundown took in sail. Middle and latter part calm crew employed in odd jobs about the ship.

Lat. 33° 05' S.
Long 25° 45' W

Friday Nov 12th

First part moderate breeze from East with pleasant weather ship steering course west under all driving sail at sundown took in sail. Middle part wind from S.E. with rainy weather ship steering west latter part wind the same with foggy weather at 6 A.M. luffed to the wind heading to the south.

Saturday Nov 13th

Commences with moderate breeze from S.E. with foggy weather ship by the wind heading to the southward under easy sail. Middle and latter part wind from the northward weather foggy.

Lat. 38° 15' S.

Sunday Nov 14th

Commences with light breeze from north with foggy weather ship by the wind heading to the westward under easy sail at 2 P.M. the wind hauled to the westward at 4 P.M. ship to the north. Middle and latter part fresh breeze with thick weather ship by the wind on opposite tacks.

Lat 32° 45' S.
Long 27° 18' W

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Monday Nov 15th

First part fresh breeze from the north with hazy weather ship steering East. At sundown took in sail and luffed to the wind heading to the northward. Middle part the wind hauled to the west latter part moderate gale from west with squally weather at daylight steered off East and made all bearing sail.

Lat 33° 03' S.
Long 25° 43' W

Tuesday Nov 16th

First part light gale from west with squally weather ship steering course East at sundown took in sail and luffed to the wind on the northern tack. Middle and latter part weather the same at daylight kept off East and made sail as all.

Lat. 36° 10' S.
Long 22° 21' W

Wednesday Nov 17th

Commences with moderate gale from west with squally weather at meridian steered S.E. by E. at 2 P.M. steered S.E. at sundown more moderate. Middle and latter part light gale from North with clear weather at 5 A.M. steered East.

Lat. 33° 02' S.

Thursday Nov 18th

Commences with light gale from North with clear weather ship steering course East under all bearing sail at 2 P.M. commenced to rain took in the main gallant sail at dark double reefed the main top sail. Middle and latter part wind from the westward more moderate. Sailed as all. Steering to the East.

Lat 30° 53' S.
Long 16° 04' W