

Bark. Matilda Sears

Monday March 21st

Fine part. fresh breeze from S.E. with squally weather ship by the wind heading to the Eastward under double reef topsail. Middle and latter part wind and weather the same ship by the wind on opposite tack, laid sail.

Lat 33° 07' S.
Long 179° 58' W.

Tuesday March 22nd

Fine part. fresh breeze from the S.E. with fair weather ship by the wind heading to the Eastward under double reef topsail. Middle and latter part light air with pleasant weather at midnight crew ship to the South and employed in different jobs about the ship.

Lat 33° 03' S.
Long 179° 59' W.

Wednesday March 23rd

Fine part. light air from S.E. with pleasant weather ship by the wind at meridian crew ship to the South at sundown crew ship to the Eastward and took in sail. Middle and latter part moderate breeze ship by the wind heading to the N.E. crew employed in getting out provisions. Laid sail.

Lat 32° 18' S.

Thursday March 24th

Fine part. fresh breeze from S.E. with pleasant weather ship by the wind heading to the N.E. at sundown took in sail and crew ship to the South. Middle and latter part moderate breeze at 8 A.M. crew ship to the N.E. and employed in different jobs about the ship. Laid sail.

Lat 32° 38' S.
Long 179° 17' W.

Cruising on the Meridian 1870

Friday March 25th

Fine part. moderate breeze from S.E. with pleasant weather at sundown took in sail ship by the wind heading to the N.E. Middle and latter part fresh breeze with squally weather at 8 A.M. raised spruce rigging going to the windward. Saw the whales (fired two points off the weather bow) made all sail and beat to the windward.

Lat 31° 44' S.

Saturday March 26th

Commenced with strong wind from S.E. with squally weather ship heading to the windward at 1 P.M. took in the light sails at 2. do double reefed the topsails. Hove in fresh then the ship could beat at all. do took in all sail. beat double reef main topsail blowing moderate gale from the S.E. Middle and latter part moderate gale from S.E. ship hove to heading to the S.W.

Lat 31° 56' S.
Long 178° 53' W.

Sunday March 27th

Commenced with moderate gale from S.E. with clear weather ship hove to heading to the S.W. under double reef main topsail and fore sail. Middle and latter part fresh breeze with pleasant weather at 8 A.M. crew ship to the Eastward and made sail.

Lat 32° 08' S.
Long 179° 01' W.