

Barck. Matilda Sears

Wednesday April 27th 1870

First part wind from S.W. more moderate at 4 P.M. was ship to the southward and at the main top sail close reefed. Middle part calm. Latter part strong breeze from the East. Ship steering S.W. under easy sail at daylight made the land 40 miles distant. Haul two sails. Lifted the fore boat davit.

Lat. 41° 56' S.

Thursday April 28th

First part moderate breeze from East with clear weather. Ship steering S.W. under all drawing sail. Middle and latter part wind the same. Land insight 40 miles distant. Crew employed in different jobs about the ship at sunset sail black fish. Lower gale shore but with no success.

Lat. 43° 00' S.

Friday April 29th

First part moderate breeze from N.E. with cloudy weather. Ship steering S.W. by S. under all drawing sail. Middle and latter part fresh breeze. Lat. 11 A.M. heaved to the wind. Heading N.W. saw a bark cutting at meridian. Milford Haven bore E.S.E. 40 miles distant.

Saturday April 30th

First part fresh breeze from N.E. with cloudy weather. Ship by the wind heading to the N.W. at sundown took in sail. Middle and latter part wind the same with thick weather. Ship by the wind on opposite tacks at meridian. The land bearing E.S.E. 15 miles distant.

Cruising off West Coast of Iceland

Sunday May 1st

First part moderate breeze from E.N.E. with thick rainy weather. Ship by the wind heading off shore at dark took in sail. Middle part the wind hauled to the S.W. latter part moderate gale from S.W. with squally weather. Ship bore heading in shore land insight.

Lat. 44° 26' S.

Monday May 2nd

First part fresh gale from S.W. with squally weather at 4 P.M. bore ship to the west and took the boat on the upper canvas. Middle and latter part strong breeze with squally weather. Ship by the wind heading to the west at meridian were ship to the Eastward. Milford Haven bearing E.S.E. 40 miles distant.

Tuesday May 3rd

First part strong breeze from West with squally weather. Ship by the wind heading to the S.W. at dark took in sail. Middle and latter part fresh gale from S.W. with heavy squalls. Ship bore heading in shore. Storm sails at meridian. Milford Haven bore East 40 miles distant at midnight parted sail.

Wednesday May 4th

First part moderate gale from S.W. with squally weather. Ship bore to heading to the S.E. at sundown were ship to the westward. Middle and latter part strong breeze from South with clear weather. Ship on opposite tacks under gentle reef to sails at meridian. Milford Haven bore S.E. 25 miles distant. Set three sails.