

Barb. Matilda Sears

Monday Oct 31st

Commences with strong breeze from S.W. with clear weather and rugged ship steering N. by W. under short sail at 10⁰⁰ hours. Luffing to Chasing to the N.W. latter part wind from South with steering opposite courses used employed in different jobs about the ship Lat. 39° 23' S. Long 156° 10' E.

Tuesday Nov 1st

Commences with moderate breeze from South with fine weather ship by the wind heading to the west at 4 P.M. raised eight whales lowered in chase but with no success. Middle and latter part calm used employed in different jobs about the ship. Lat. 39° 34' S. Long 156° 02' E.

Wednesday Nov 2nd

First part moderate breeze from west with pleasant weather ship by the wind on opposite tack at 10⁰⁰ hours raised eight whales lowered the Matilda boat and struck her at 11 P.M. took the whale to the ship at daylight commenced cutting at noon finished weather rainy no Obs.

Thursday Nov 3rd

Commences with moderate breeze from west with cloudy weather ship by the wind heading to the South under short sail Middle part strong breeze latter part moderate gale from S.W. with heavy sea ship bore to heading to the N.W. Lat. 40° 15' S. Long 156° 16' E.

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Friday Nov 4th

First part moderate gale from South with clear weather and heavy sea at 8 P.M. commenced to build Middle part calm with heavy swell latter part strong breeze from N.W. ship heading to the N.E. Lat. 39° 54' S. Long 156° 30' E.

Saturday Nov 5th

Commences with fresh breeze from N.W. with heavy weather ship heading N.E. under short sail Middle and latter part the same ship on opposite tack employed in hauling. Lat. 39° 56' S.

Sunday Nov 6th

Commences with moderate gale from N.W. with heavy weather ship heading to the west at 6 P.M. finished building at 10⁰⁰ hours a heavy rain squall with lightning latter part wind from N.W. more moderate ship heading to the N.W. Lat. 39° 58' S. Long 156° 58' E.

Monday Nov 7th

First part fresh breeze from N.W. with heavy weather ship by the wind heading to the north Middle and latter part more moderate with rising weather ship by the wind on opposite tack used employed in hauling whale till in the main hold no Obs.

Tuesday Nov 8th

First part fresh breeze from S.W. with clear weather ship heading to the N.W. under short sail Middle part calm latter part light air from north with pleasant weather used employed in scraping bone John Rice went on duty Lat. 39° 08' S. Long 156° 18' E.