

Bark Matilda Sears.

Thursday Jan 5th

First part wind from S.E. with cloudy weather ship on the S.W. take latter part fresh breeze from S.E. with cloudy weather ship by the wind heading to the South under easy sail crew employed in boiling and setting up boiler, no Obs.

Friday Jan 6th

First part fresh breeze from S.E. with cloudy weather ship by the wind heading to the South latter part light breeze at 4 P.M. rose ship to the N.E. and made sail crew employed in boiling no Obs.

Saturday Jan 7th

First part light breeze from South with cloudy weather ship steering N.E. under short sail at 6 P.M. finished boiling the whole turned up 110 lbs. latter part clear weather at 6 P.M. luffed to the wind heading to the Eastward crew employed in stowing oil in the fore hold at meridian Solander bore E.N.E. 20 miles dist

Sunday Jan 8th

First part moderate breeze from South with clear weather ship by the wind heading to the Eastward at 4 P.M. wore ship to the S.W. said steamer steering to the westward latter part wind from S.E. at 11 A.M. raised sperm whales Landed in chase at meridian Solander bore E.N.E. 20 miles dist

Monday Jan 9th

Commenced with light air from South with pleasant weather at 1 P.M. the Larzoung boat struck at 3 P.M. took the whale to the ship & hooked on to the whale cut the head off at midnight finished cutting the body at daylight hooked on to the head and took it in at meridian Solander Island bore E.N.E. 12 miles dist

Cruising Off Solander

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Tuesday Jan 11th

Commenced with moderate breeze from westward ship by the wind heading to the Eastward under short sail cut up the junk and commenced to make latter part wind from South with fine weather at meridian Solander bore north 30 miles dist Ruffed B. Chase empty on duty ship day

Wednesday Jan 12th

First part fresh breeze from S.E. with fine weather ship steering different courses under easy sail at 6 P.M. luffed to the wind heading to the S.E. latter part wind from South ship by the wind heading to the Eastward employed in boiling and setting up the fore oil at meridian Solander bore E.N.E. 30 miles dist

Thursday Jan 13th

First part moderate breeze from South with fine weather ship by the wind heading to the Eastward at 4 P.M. finished boiling latter part calm employed in stowing oil in the main hold at meridian Solander bore E.N.E. 25 miles dist

Friday Jan 14th

First part light air and calm middle part fresh breeze from N.W. with thick weather ship heading to the west latter part heavy gale with large sea ship bore to at meridian turned up 100 lbs. tar board and coast lead no Obs.

Saturday Jan 14th

First part strong gale from N.W. with thick weather ship bore heading to the west middle and latter part heavy gale from north with hazy weather Lat 17° 31' S. Long 165° 18' E.

Sunday Jan 15th

First part fresh gale from north with squally weather ship bore heading to the west middle and latter part wind and weather the same with heavy sea running from the north no Obs.