

Barck. Matilda Sears

Friday Dec 22nd

Commenced with strong wind from west with squally weather ship by the wind on opposite tack latter part fresh gale from N.W. with rainy weather took in sail and hove to h'd to the S.W.
No Ob.

Saturday Dec 23rd

These 24 hours very heavy gale from N.W. & W. Squalls ship hove to heading to the Southward at 2 P.M. took in the main top sail ship labouring hard taken large quantities of water over the lee rail washing away every thing movable off deck boarded and ailed stove all gone away board and sail large sea running from the west had to keep the pumps going much of the time by large quantities of water going down the hatch ways bottom betw 28 & 30 tons

Sunday Dec 24th

Commenced with heavy gale from west with very heavy squalls and very large sea ship hove to heading to the South at 1 P.M. more moderate latter part moderate gale with clear weather at 3 P.M. steered off N.E. by N. and made sail but the head off the ship running the gale and some shaking and copper off the starboard side
John Mac Ellean
went on duty Lat. 45° 45' S

Cruising off Lolland 1891

Monday Dec 25th

Commenced with strong wind from west with clear weather ship steering course N.E. by N. under all drawing all at 2 P.M. raised a school of small sperm whales going quick & the S.W. lowered two boats in chase but with out success at 4 P.M. wind died away a calm with heavy swell at 5 P.M. the wind springing up from the north strong middle part gale from north with rainy weather ship hove to heading to the East latter part a gale from west with clear weather at 10 P.M. steered off course N.E. and made sail
Lat. 51° 34' S
Long 132° 24' E

Tuesday Dec 26th

Commenced with a gale from S.W. with hazy weather ship steering course north under all having sail latter part calm crew employed in getting out provisions and repairing damage done by the rough weather
Lat. 55° 33' S
Long 133° 35' E

Wednesday Dec 27th

at noon took a fresh breeze from north with hazy weather ship by the wind heading to the westward middle part calm latter part rain from South ship steering N.E. by E. sent a new main gallant sail and gave a new set of rigging for it and doing other jobs about the ship and in sight
Lat. 61° 38' S