

Bark. Matilda Sears

Friday Dec 20th

Commences with fresh breeze from west with clear weather ship heading to the west at 1. P. M. moderate to light wind at 5 a.m. got slight breeze from the East ship steering N. by E. Middle part calm latter part light baffling air at meridian Solanore bore west 20 miles distant

Saturday Dec 21st

Commences with moderate breeze from westward ship by the wind on opposite tack Middle and latter part the same ship working to the westward at meridian Solanore bore N. by E. 20 miles distant

Sunday Dec 22nd

Commences with moderate breeze from north with hazy weather ship on opposite tack at 11. P. M. the dinner sprung up to a gale from north took in the fore top sail and hove to heading to the west

Monday Dec 23rd

Commences with fresh gale with hazy weather ship hove to heading to the west wind from north turned up the lee boats middle part the same latter part more moderate with heavy rain at day light wore ship to the Eastward

Cruising off Solanore 1872

Tuesday Dec 24th

Commences with moderate breeze from north with rain and heavy swell at 6. P. M. wore ship to the west Middle and latter part variable winds with rain ship on different tack at 11. A. M. the dinner sprung up from the north very sudden to a heavy gale hove the ship to heading to the west at noon took in the main top sail turned up the lee boats and secured every thing about deck

Wednesday Dec 25th

Commences with heavy gale from N. with hazy weather ship hove to heading to the west under main spruces and fore topmast stay sail at 1. P. M. the dinner hauled to the N. M. still blowing hard at 6. a.m. boardacca stored the weather side of the galley in Middle part moderate to slight breeze with heavy swell latter part moderate breeze from North ship on different tack at 5 A. M. the dinner bore E. S. E. 10 miles distant crew employed in rigging things up after the gale rose gallant, main and mainmast main board lines and main top sail hauled at 8. A. M.

Thursday Dec 26th

Commences with light breeze from north with hazy weather ship by the wind heading to the west Middle and latter part fresh breeze ship on opposite tack at 1. P. M. took in the light sail sail and double reefed the top sail laid ashore steering to the East
Lat. 17° 33' S.
Long 164° 53' E.