

Bark *Matilda*, *Clare* 1878.

Wednesday January 1st. Commence with light breeze from north with hazy weather ship heading to the west. Middle and latter part light baffling air employed in tacking. Lat. 47° 38' S.

Thursday Jan 2nd. Commence with light air from N.E. with pleasant weather ship heading to the north. Middle and latter part strong wind and rugged sea from north ship heading to the west employed in stowing down oil in the fore hold. Lat. 47° 33' S.

Friday Jan 3rd. Commence with strong wind from west with hazy weather ship heading to the north. Middle and latter part weather the same ship on different tack. Solander in sight at Meridian Solander bore N.E. 15 miles distant.

Saturday Jan 4th. Commence with strong breeze from N.W. with hazy weather. Middle and latter part variable winds ship on opposite tack at Meridian Solander bore N.E. 15 miles distant.

Cruising off Solander 1878

Sunday Jan 5th. Commence with fresh breeze from South with clear weather. Middle and latter part wind from S.E. ship on opposite tack at 2 P.M. tacked to the S.W. at 10 Solander bore N.E. 10 miles distant.

Monday Jan 6th. Commence with fresh breeze from S.E. with pleasant weather. Middle and latter part weather the same ship steering different course at Meridian Solander bore N.E. 25 miles distant.

Tuesday Jan 7th. Commence with fresh breeze from S.E. with pleasant weather. At 6 P.M. the wind abated to a calm. Latter part wind from N.W. ship steering different course at Meridian Solander bore N.E. 15 miles distant.

Wednesday Jan 8th. Commence with moderate breeze from S.W. with cloudy weather ship heading to the west at 3 P.M. raised sperm whales lower for them but the weather came in thick and had to give up the chase. Solander bearing E. N.E. 20 miles distant. Middle and latter part moderate gale from S.W. with cloudy weather ship on opposite tack at Meridian Solander bore East 20 miles distant.