

Bark Matilda Sears

Thursday Jan 9th

Commenced with moderate gale from S.E. with cloudy weather ship heading to the S. S. M. latter part strong breeze from South ship on opposite tack. Saw acail and astern at Meridian Solander bar C. N. E. 25 miles out

Friday Jan 10th

Commenced with variable winds with squally weather. Middle and latter part weather the same ship by the wind on opposite tack. Saw one sail at Meridian Solander bar N. E. 25 miles out

Saturday Jan 11th

Commenced with fresh breeze from S.W. with squally weather. Middle and latter part variable weather ship steering different courses at Meridian Solander bar C. N. E. 30 miles out. Saw two sails

Sunday Jan 12th

Commenced with fresh breeze from S.W. with cloudy weather. Middle and latter part variable weather ship steering different courses. Saw two sails at Meridian Solander bar N. E. 25 miles out

Cruising off Solander 1873

Monday Jan 13th

Commenced with fresh breeze from west with cloudy weather. Middle and latter part fresh gale from north at 8. P.M. wore ship to the west at 10 Solander bar C. N. E. 15 miles out. Saw three sails

Tuesday Jan 14th

Commenced with moderate gale from north with rainy weather ship heading to the west. Middle part variable winds with rain and a tempest. Latter part fresh gale from S.W. wore ship to the N.W. at 3 P.M. took in the main top sail at 8.00 and again took the gear out of the mast boom and turned it up. Lat. 46° 50' S. Long 165° 25' E.

Wednesday Jan 15th

Commenced with fresh gale from S.W. with squally weather at 6. P.M. wore ship to the Southward. Middle and latter part the same. Saw Solander bearing N. E. 30 miles out. Saw two sails

Thursday Jan 16th

Commenced with fresh gale from S.W. with squally weather ship heading to the Southward. Middle and latter part wind from west with thick rain ship on opposite tack at Meridian Solander bar North 6 miles out. Refueled. B. Chase went off duty with venereal diseases