

Bark Matilda Sears Cruising in the North Atlantic Ocean 1873

August 2nd

Sea account -
fine weather from SW at one Am took
the whale along side & went to cutting
at three finished cutting and got
ready to start the works at eight PM
started the work still continues fine

Lat 44 = 9

August 3rd

Thought this day fine weather
from SW still boiling at one am
finished boiling

Lat 44 = 9

August 4th

Thought this day fine weather
from South and several sails in sight
employed at ship duty Ship heading
to S+E

Lat 43 = 51

Lat 41 = 23

Tuesday August 5th

Thought this day
a strong breeze from S ship heading
South & E At seven PM commenced
baking out in the bone hole to S+E
at twelve finished blowing out

Lat 41 = 27

Wednesday August 6th

Thought this day a strong
gale from the SW Ship under double
reefed topsails heading to S+E
broke out the belgian decks
and re stowed

Lat 41 = 36

Lat 40 = 35

Thursday August 7th

Comes in with a strong
gale from SW middle & later part
more moderate with hazy weather
Ship heading to S+E

Lat 41 = 13

Friday August 8th

Strong gale Thought this day a
strong gale from the SW first part
Ship heading to S later part to S+E
Crew employed at ship duty

Lat 40 = 42

Lat 38 = 44

Saturday August 9th

First part a fresh
breeze from SW middle and later part
light baffling winds & with
haze squalls Ship heading to the
S+E No observation this day

Sunday August 10th

First part a fresh
breeze from SW middle part light
with haze squalls later part
clear with light breeze from SW
Ship heading to S+E

Lat 38 = 49

Lat 38 = 10

Monday August 11th

First part Ship heading
to S+E later part to S+W with
a fresh breeze and clear weather
from SW Crew employed at ship
duty

Lat 40 = 00

Lat 38 = 50

Tuesday August 12th

First & middle part
fine from SW little rare squalls
Ship heading to N+W

Lat 39 = 49

Lat 38 = 47