

Barge Matilda Sears Cruising

in The South Atlantic 1873

Tuesday December 2

Comes in with a fresh breeze from SSE Ship heading SE Rose the Island of Tristan at dusk shortened sail and laid on the port tack Island in sight at daylight made sail Ship heading Southeast wind ESE this day ends with a fresh breeze and cloudy weather from the SE

Wednesday December 3

Throught this day a fresh breeze and cloudy weather from the ESE Ship heading to the SE No observation

Thursday December 4

Throught this day a strong breeze from the SE later part rain first part ship heading ESE later part SE No observation this day

Friday December 5

Throught this day a strong gale from the N with some ship heading to the SE carrying all practical sail No observation this day

Saturday December 6th

First part a strong Gale and rainy weather from the N ship heading ESE at twelve mid night the wind hauled to the Westward this day ends with a light and fine weather from the SW San Juan lacks

Lat 37-02
Lon 2-17E

Sunday December 7th

Throught this day a light breeze and pleasant weather from the S ship heading to SE

Lat 37-33
Lon 4-53E

Monday December 8th

Throught this day Calm and fine weather Ensign hoisted breaking out water filled the two tanks no observation

Tuesday December 9th

First part Calm clear weather at half past four AM rose Brite Whales hoared three Boats and chased Whales going quick to NW did not get fast at nine AM came on board shortened sail and layt aback on the port tack at daylight made sail with a light breeze from the N San Juan lacks this day ends fine with a light breeze from the S

Lat 37-4
Lon 6-52