

Bark Matilda Lewis Cruising

Thursday March 4

Came in with a strong breeze from the NNE ship heading NW the Rock in sight bearing ESE dist twenty five M at three PM rose from Whales at five hoisted three boats the Starboard Boat struck at six brought him to the ship put two chains on to him forked the fore & main topsail set the main Spencer ship heading NW a strong Gale and heavy Rain middle part the same at five PM put another chain on to the whale this day ends with a heavy Gale from NNE with Rain the whale along side Lat 46-39

Friday March 5

First part a heavy Gale with Rain from the N with Rain the whale along side middle part the same at seven PM tried to wear around to look on to the whale to get him in for a one stroke haul to lift him again the wind hauled to WSW a strong Gale with a heavy sea to ends this day ship on the Starboard tack heading S

of Solander Rock 1875-

Saturday March 6

First part a heavy Gale from WSW wore ship and looked on to the whale to cut him in boarded twice the Starboard Tack at five PM Rose Solander Rock bearing NNE dist 20 M cleared off for it with the whale along side with a heavy Gale from WSW at ten PM wind hauled to the NNW a strong Gale with heavy squalls wore ship heading SW at one PM wind hauled to the S wore ship and cleared NNE the whale head dropped set a close reef N top sail at 10 PM Solander Rock bore NNE dist 15 a strong Gale with heavy squalls from the SW set a close reef fore topsail so ends this day

Sunday March 7

First part a strong Gale from the W ship heading to NNE the whale along side ship under close reef at eleven PM came to with the Starboard Tack at five PM commenced to cut this day ends with a strong breeze from the W finished cutting