

1877. Remarks On board Bark *Matilda Sears*

Friday Aug 31st Lat 38.30 North
 Long 68.37 West
 Commenced with moderate wind from N by N to N West steering S by E until three then S East School up and down Tapsail and main took down and flying. I and pay lower took them in and pulled fore Tapsail saw three sail at dark saw 3 large fish middle light was seen by N West steering S East latter fresh breeze from S East keeping I and employed in getting ready for whaling out sail and Porpoise seen

Saturday Sept 1st Lat 37.45 North
 Long 66.46 West
 Commenced with moderate wind from S East heading S East by the wing under whole main Tapsail single pulled. First air and flying for fore and after her employed in rigging Boats and cutting blocks and sail seen heading to Southward middle wind hauled to S West steering E by E at latter point breeze with rain squalls from S West steering S East and put out the cutting staff and lashed up the cutting. Porpoise and sail and jumpers seen

Sunday Sept 2nd Lat 37.26 North
 Long 64.66 West
 Commenced with fair breeze from S West steering S East to E by S employed in taking spars off deck and making them light and sail and jumpers seen middle steering E by South latter fair breeze from S West steering E by South under Tapsail sails two sail seen

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Monday Sept 3rd Lat 37.11 North
 Long 61.12 West
 Commenced with fine breeze from S West steering E by South with Tapsail sails and fore sail seen turning the sail saw sunbaked middle steering E by South took in Tapsail and out raised the fore sail till staying breeze from S West steering E by South with single hauled Tapsails & Courses out and were employed in straightening up things

Tuesday Sept 4th Lat 37.18 North
 Long 58.54 West
 Commenced with strong breeze from S by South steering E by South with rapid Tapsails & Courses employed in ships sails not anything seen middle steering E by South latter fresh breeze with rain squalls from S West steering S East under raised Tapsails & Courses not anything seen

Wednesday Sept 5th Lat 37.45 North
 No observation
 Commenced with fresh breeze with rain from S West steering S East under raised Tapsails & Courses at sun down were in pt. I main sail out sail seen middle steering E by East latter light breeze from S East heading E by South with full sail not anything seen

Thursday Sept 6th Lat 37.38 North Long 53.52 W
 Commenced with light breeze from South by West steering S East with all sail out under super lowered the boats to practice the crews at sun down took in the light sails saw 4 finbacks middle steering S East latter fresh breeze from S by West with rain steering S East under whole Tapsails & Courses were out in the main hall for water not anything seen