1847 Remarks on board Bark Matilda Sears

Friday Sept 14th Lat 36.30 North
Lon 40.35 West

Commences with strong Breze from North steering E S East at two took in Stay and Foresail & hauled to the wind heading E by East saw Porpoises with a small line in the water E & East latter part saw a bird W & East latter part E S East with all sail set saw Porpoise & small bird

Saturday Sept 15th Lat 36 47 North
Lon 38.52 West

Commences with Calm & two gull at light breze from West steering E S East with all sail set at sundown shortened sail and hauled to the wind heading S S West took the Blocks to the Horses that the topsail sheets ran through lashed them up with rope saw Porpoises middle heading S East latter fresh breze from W S West steering by South with main & gallant sail set saw one sail heading to the South

Sunday Sept 16th Lat 36.30 North
Lon 38 20 West

Commences with fresh Breze from S West steering E S East employed in ship duty saw Porpoises & caught one shortened sail at sundown & hauled to the wind heading S S East middle heading [illegible] gale from the S West heading S S East latter part the fore topsail one sail seen

Cruising on the Station Ground

Monday Sept 17th no Observations

Commences with a moderate gale with air from W S West heading S by East and more part the main topsail at two watch hauled to N West and moderated more one sail seen the S boat at sundown with in the foresail pin & spike & edge part the fore topsail saw jumpers middle heading S West latter strong breze from W N West heading S West under double reef topsails and Foresail took out both and anything seen

Tuesday Sept 18th Lat 35.20 North
Lon 36.48 West

Commences with strong winds from W N West to N West heading S West to W S West with two double reef topsails Foresail set at sundown hove in the Foresail and anything seen middle heading West saw part Bark N & N W West heading W S under reef topsails Courses at 12 noon spike heading N East employed in ship duty & a [illegible] seen

Thursday Sept 19th Lat 34.15 North
Lon 37.16 West

Commences with light winds from North to N N West heading from N East to E N East at 4 bucket heading West with all sail set at sundown took in light sails and mainsail middle heading West latter light airs from S S West to W N West with all sail set broke out water and Provisions two sails seen