

1877 Remarks Onboard Bark *Matilda Sears*

Thursday Sept 20th Lat 33.50 Nord
 Lon 37.40 West
 Commences with light breeze from S
 West steering N West with all sail set
 employed in ship's late shortened sail at
 sundown I huffed to N W. and nothing
 seen middle heading West later
 from a breeze from South East a rain squall
 to the windward of going to windward ship
 rips out of the topsail & commences beating
 to the windward of ship down to weather
 at upper deck ruled the topsail and
 took her flying jib

Friday Sept 21st Lat 33.58 Nord
 Lon 38.51 West
 Commences with strong breeze from
 South heading N West took in jib
 and shanks I main sail at two o'clock
 keeping on at four more ship and
 to last ruled the topsails heading E S East
 not anything seen middle heading E by
 S. at sundown strong breeze from S East
 heading East took out of the
 topsails saw near S S. Steamer
 steering to the westward

Saturday Sept 22nd Lat 34.18 Nord
 Lon 38.11 West
 Commences with strong breeze from S
 East heading East took in two double
 reefed topsails & fore sail and nothing
 seen at sundown took in the fore sail
 heading E by S latter part of day from S by
 East steering E by N at 10 o'clock in S S
 Cooper and J. H. in company of J. H.
 took saw one out to y the N E

1877 Cruise On the Western Ground

Sunday Sept 23rd Lat 35.12 Nord
 Lon 36.21 West
 Commences with light breeze from E S
 East at 10 East heading from East
 East with all sail set took in S S at
 at sundown on sail in S S middle heading
 N East latter part breeze from E S East
 heading N East with main top gallant sail set
 not anything seen

Monday Sept 24th Lat 37.02 Nord
 Lon 36.04 West
 Commences with fresh breeze from N East
 heading E S East lashed ship at sun down
 and shortened sail heading S West not
 anything in sight middle heading S by W
 windward to the South heading E S East latter
 strong wind with rain from South heading
 E S East took in the fore sail & close reef
 the fore topsail not anything seen

Tuesday Sept 25th Lat 36.57 Nord
 Lon 33.52 West
 Commences with strong wind
 from South to S West with rain heading from
 S S East to E S East at 6 o'clock one reef out of
 the fore topsail and the jib & shanks mudd
 anything in sight middle wind hauled to North
 heading N West at 5 o'clock ship steering S by East
 latter fresh breeze from North steering S by South with
 all sail set saw Finbacks Broke out Breef

Wednesday Sept 26th Lat 35.44 Nord
 Lon 30.46 West
 Commences with fine breeze from North steering S E
 by East with all sail set at sundown took in fore
 top gallant sail & gaff topsail one sail seen middle
 steering E S East latter fine breeze from North
 steering S East with all sail set at 10 o'clock
 flying jib stay & fore top gallant head stay & back
 stay & royal back stay saw four sail & at Finback