

1877 Remarks On board Bark Matilda Sears

Thursday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Lat 36.25 North  
Lon 31.28 West  
Commences with fine breeze from North to  
N. N. East steering E. by E. until 2 then  
led by the wind heading East took in the  
light sails at sundown and A. commenced  
steering to the Eastward with the steering  
to E. by E. later fresh breeze from N. N. East  
heading East under anchor Topsails & Courses  
at 10 a.m. ship heading S. West at 12 a.m.  
ship again heading East two sails on

Friday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Lat 32.04 North  
Lon 28.58 West  
Commences with strong S. by E. from the  
N. East heading East under reefed foretop  
sail & whole foretopsail at sundown took  
reef in main topsail & foretop sail & were  
with the bark present Susan & Capt. joining  
saw a vessel at 4.00 hrs saw but  
other sail middle heading N. N. West latter  
pleasant weather & fine breeze from N. N. East  
at 6 tacked heading East at 12 tacked again  
heading S. West the Mary & Susan in sight  
A merchant vessel saw A Sulphur Bottom

Saturday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Lat 30.18 North  
Lon 30.11 West  
Commences with pleasant weather & light  
winds from N. N. East to E. N. East heading  
from N. West to North with all sail set & running  
with the Mary & Susan shortened sail at sundown  
nothing more seen middle calm latter light  
air from E. N. East heading North employed  
in setting, hauling, & flying jibs & Guyes  
the Mary & Susan & one other sail in sight

1877 Cruising On the Western Ground

Sunday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> no Observations  
Commences with light breeze  
from South heading E. S. East at 9 tacked heading  
N. N. West with 10 m. & 1/2 gullion's sail set & shorten  
ed sail at sundown the Mary & Susan & a mer-  
chant vessel in sight middle breeze on with  
rain furled foretopsail & foresail latter made the  
gale from E. S. East to South with rain being  
from South to N. N. West E. by E. reefed the main  
Topsail at 12 a.m. ship heading E. S. East

Monday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> no Observations  
Commences with moderate  
breeze from South at three wind hauled to  
S. West & moderated set the fore Topsail E. by  
reefed and nothing seen middle heading S. E.  
E. by E. latter fresh winds from S. West to West  
at 2 a.m. ship shook one reef out of the Topsails  
at 3 set the foresail & were ship heading S. E.  
West broke out bread & flour and nothing seen

Tuesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Lat 37.04 North  
Lon 30.06 West  
Commences with moderate winds with rain  
squalls from West steering South with  
thick reefed Topsails & foresail set & 1/2  
four sails seen steering to N. East middle  
wind hauled to East steering South latter moderate  
winds from E. S. East to S. East steering South  
until ten then heading S. West saw two rain  
saw two sails steering to N. East at 11/2 took  
in fore gullion's sail

Wednesday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Commences with fresh wind from S. East with rain  
heading S. S. West breeze on to a fresh gale come  
down to bore poles fore top mast & topsail & mizen stay  
sail set and nothing seen and the moderated vessel  
the main Topsail latter breeze on again to a pretty stiff  
gale from South took in main Topsail and flying  
sail