

# 1877 Remarks On board Bark Matilda Sears

Thursday Oct 4th No Observations

Commences with a moderate gale from South with rain & squalls at 4 hauld to the North everything faird but Fort topmast & mizen staysails not anything seen until blowing a full heading Eastward latter blowing a moderate gale from the North at 2 1/2 p.m. sail close reefed & held the ship at steering South at 8 p.m. the Port sail not anything seen

Friday Oct 5th Lat 35.35 North Lon 35.04 West

Commences with a moderate gale from North steering South by Compass with double reefed main Top sail & fore sail set saw a Bark heading to the Eastward middle of morning at midday all sail steering South latter fresh Breeze from N by West to West steering South with all sail set at 4 p.m. in Port Top gallant sail saw Blackfish

Saturday Oct 6th Lat 32.42 North Lon 43.35 West

Commences with strong Breezes from N West to N by West steering South took in main Top gallant sail & double reefed fore Top sail saw Blackfish in the morning latter light winds from N West to West steering South with all sail set employed in breaking over water not anything seen

Sunday Oct 7th Lat 31.00 North Lon 47.43 West

Commences with light baffling winds from West to S West steering South with all sail set at sundown took in fore top gallant sail & fore top sail the ship in inclined to heel some not anything seen until heading from South to S East latter fine Breeze from S by E to S West heading from S East to E at 10 p.m. tackel heading West nothing in sight

# 1877 Bound South

Monday Oct 8th Lat 30.00 North Lon 47.10 West

Commences with light baffling winds from S by E heading from N by West to S West with all sail set saw pumps & middle heading S West latter fine Breeze from S by East heading S West with all sail set at 4 p.m. in Port Top gallant & Royal Back sails & head stays and everything seen

Tuesday Oct 9th Lat 25.20 North Lon 47.47 West

Commences with steady winds from S by East to South heading from S West to N by West with all sail set employed in setting tacked fore darts slays at the mizen saw Blackfish in the wind died out to west near a calm latter light air from E by East heading South with all sail set employed in ruffing mizen rigging & braying yards to make shunt even not anything seen

Wednesday Oct 10th Lat 27.50 North Lon 48.09 West

Commences with light Breezes from East to E N East steering South with all sail set employed in ruffing rope yards saw Grampuse & Porpoises until all steering South latter light Breeze from E N East steering South with all sail set two sail over steering at the westward employed in making a pump over

Thursday Oct 11th Lat 26.44 North Lon 47.51 West

Commences with moderate winds from E N East steering South with all sail set employed in making shunt even other sail over steering to the Westward middle steering South latter light Breeze from East steering South with all sail set employed in setting tacked fore rigging one sail over