

1877 Remarks Onboard Bark Matilla Sears

Wednesday Nov 11th Lat 21 14 South
Lon 36 07 West
Commenced with steady winds from E. East
sterning I W. 4. I got with all sail set three
sails & 2 masts seen middle sterning I W.
12 South latter strong breeze from N East ster-
ning I had one sail in sight

Thursday Nov 12th Lat 23 21 South
Lon 37 24 West
Commenced with strong breeze from N. E. by
North sterning I W. 2. 1/2. seen middle
sterning I W. 1. latter strong breeze from N. E.
sterning I W. 1. and wind hauled to W. 1/2.
Went with heavy rain double reefed the top
sails ship heading South four sail seen

Friday Nov 13th No Observations
Commenced with strong breeze from W.
I W. 1. to I W. 2. heading from South to
I. I. East shook the riggs out of the top sails
I. I. East main top gallant sail at four took
it in again & reefed the fore top sail one
sail & 1/2 masts seen middle sterning
Went latter light breeze from I. I. West heading
West with all sail set nothing seen

Saturday Nov 14th Lat 26 03 South
Lon 38 36 West
Commenced with light breeze from I. I. West to
I. I. East heading from West to I. I. West with
all sail set employed in shifts duty nothing
seen middle sterning I W. 1. latter light breeze
from E. East sterning I W. 1. with all sail set
and provisions saw hump backs & one sail

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Bound South

Sunday Nov 15th Lat 26 14 South
Lon 39 56 West
Commenced with light breeze from East
sterning I W. 1. with all sail set one sail and
hump backs seen middle sterning I W. 1. latter
moderate breeze from East at 4 1/2 raised spinn
Whales going to W. I. West at 7 lowered three boats
to boat struck two hauled from one & saved
one W. Boat struck one & saved him at 11 took
one along side whales going quick to leeward two
sail in sight

Monday Nov 16th W. B. Lat 26 56 South
Lon 40 01 West
Commenced with moderate breeze from East at
two got the other whale along side - got dinner
and good ready for action at four commenced to
cut at eight finished and got supper & set the
atches two sail in sight middle sterning
in chasing whales the heads latter fresh breeze
from East sterning I W. 1. with two double
le reefed top sails & fore sail at eight started
the works saw hump backs & one sail

Tuesday Nov 17th Lat 27 41 South
Lon 40 40 West
Commenced with strong breeze from East
sterning I W. 1. with double reefed top sails & fore
sail employed in boiling nothing seen
middle sterning I W. 1. employed in boiling latter
strong breeze from E. East sterning I W. 1. with
double reefed top sails & fore sail set employed in
boiling nothing seen