1877 Remarks on board Bark Matilda Sears

Wednesday Nov 28th Lat 37 18 South
Lon 50 46 West

Commences with moderate gale from S to S by East steering S W by S with all sail set the Foresail at 4 P.M. took in in a gain, hove to set mid S sails set saw Humbacks middle part moderate check one reef out of main Topsail & set the Courses heading S W by West latter light Breeze hove S S E and heading S West with all sail set in hopes in breaking out for Fore Topsail & Fore Skysail & Close reefs saw Humbacks

Thursday Nov 29th Lat 37.13 South
Lon 51.34 West

Commences with Calm employed in setting Fore skysail & Close reefs & Fore Topsail shed out of David also the W boat with the Bow Board & had her on the W Boat Cranes Fin Backs seen midle P.M. light breeze from N E and steering S W by South at four o'clock to N by West latter part N Breeze from N by W steering S W by South with all sail set employed in getting the Fore Topmast rigging Finback seen

Friday Nov 30th Lat 38 06 South
Lon 52 43 West

Commences with strong Breeze from N West steering S W by South took in light sails & reefed Fore Topsail Finbacks seen middle steering S W by South at 4 wind hauled to S W light fogg latter light airs from all parts of the Compass, rove new Fore Braces saw Humpbacks

Fore Braces

1877 Bound South

Saturday Dec 1st Lat 40.03 South
Lon 54.02 West

Commences with light winds from N West to W N West steering S W by South by Compass with all sail set, from two seen middle steering S W by South with all sail set at two come in foggy at 5 P.M. cleared of latter moderate winds from W N W to W by N West steering S W by South by Compass with all sail set and nothing seen

Sunday Dec 2nd Lat 41.48 South
Lon 56.04 West

Commences with fresh Breeze from W by W steering S W by South by Compass with all sail set and nothing seen middle steering S W by South latter fresh Breeze from N West to W by South steering S W by South until 8 then heading from S by West to S S West with all sail set and nothing seen

Monday Dec 3rd Lat 43.16 South
Lon 58.16 West

Commences with fresh Breeze & clear weather from West heading S S West at 5 P.M. took in Top gallant sails at 5½ set the main again saw Grampuses middle heading from S S West to S West latter fresh breeze from N West to W N West steering S West with all sail set Fore and Main and nothing seen

Tuesday Dec 4th Lat 45.18 South Lon 59.12 West

Commences with moderate winds from West to N West heading from S S West to S West the Course with all sail set Humpbacks and Finbacks & Grampuses seen middle steering S S West latter Calm weather & moderate airs from S W by West heading S by East with all sail set saw Finbacks & Blackfish