1877 Remarks On board Bark Matilda Sears

Friday Dec 28th Lat 14. 45. South
Lon 75. 45. West

Commences with strong Breezes from N
South heading S West South and then we
Ship heading N West North with reefed T.
Sails & Foresail tops & Spanker & gaming
with the Nautilus yield at 2 P.M. we kept
heading S W & latter strong Breeze from
N N West at 6 more ship heading North with
double reefed Topsails the Nautilus in sight

Saturday Dec 29th Lat 4 P.M. South
No Observation

Commences with moderate winds from W
N West to W S West heading from North to
N West gaming ship with the Nautilus and
Other sail in sight. Ship at 8 P.M. we kept
heading S East large heave in sight from
West to S S West steering from N E to
N N West Flaws gearing N East the Nautilus
And one other whale in sight & humpbacks

Sunday Dec 30th Lat 48 30 South
Lon 76-18 West

Tops & Main light Breeze from S S West &
Steering N N West with all sail set & gaming
Subject to the wind heading West the land
A Nautilus & a other sail & Humpbacks
In sight midship more ship at 2 P.M. heading S
S West latter fresh Breeze from W N W & more
ship heading North & S Tacked heading S S
West with whole Topsails & reefed Fore
Topsail & took in the mainsail & fly jib &
Staff Topsail the Nautilus & the Bark Bounding
Billow in sight & the Land

Cruising off Hampo

Monday Dec 31st No Observations

First part strong Breeze
With rain & Breezing on from N N West to N N West
Short reefed Fore Topsail & hoist the Foresail
Heading from S West to West the Nautilus
In sight heading the same on left 63 we
Left heading N N West latter strong Breeze
from West heading S West & double reefed
Topsails & Courses the Nautilus & Bounding Billow
In sight

1878 Tuesday Jan 1st No Observations

Commences with strong Breeze from N West
heading N N West & more ship heading S
S West with double reefed Topsails gaming in
With the Bounding Billow the Nautilus in
Sight midship at 8 we kept heading S West
latter strong Breeze & squalls from West to N N
West at 10 more ship heading S S gaming
West to N N West the Bounding Billow & one
Other whale in sight

Wednesday Jan 2nd No Observations

Commences
With strong double reefed Topsail Breeze from West
to N N West heading S West at 2 more ship
Heading N N West and we & the Nautilus
The other two whales in sight midship heading
N W & latter strong Breeze from N N West at
Six P.M. more ship heading S West with whole main
Topsail & double reefed Fore Courses set the sail
And Humpbacks seen

Thursday Jan 3rd Lat 43-48 S Lon 75 18 West
Commences with strong Breeze from
West to N N West heading S West at 2 P.M. more ship
more ship heading N S West & sundown to in the
Main sail one sail in sight midship more ship at 4
heading West latter strong double reefed Topsail Breeze
from S N N West at seven P.M. raised seven Whales going
to N E and lowered three Boats without success whales went to windward
one sail in sight