

1878 Remarks On Board Bark Matilda Sears

Thurs day Sept 16th Lat 36° 00' South Lon 74° 15' W. Head
Commenced with fresh breeze from N by E heading
S by W with all sail set at sun down shortened
Sail & tacked ship heading N West 4 sail
in sight middle were hit at 12 heading S West
latter fresh breeze from N West with heavy swell
from S West heading S West with all sail set
at 12 tacked ship heading N West 5 sail on

Tuesday Sept 17th Lat 36° 24' South Lon 75° 04' W. Head
Commenced with fresh breeze from N by W head
to N West heading N West shortened sail at sun down
tacked ship heading S West one sail
sailsacks very in the air on ship at 12 heading
N West latter strong breeze with rain
squalls from West heading N West at 4
raised sperm whales going to E & East
at 5 lowered 3 boats the West Boat went
one I spotted & missed firing fair play the boat
struck & tumbled struck another & got stove
Bad whale took the line at 12 got her aboard
the West & Bow Boats. Chased off two
other sail in sight & sailsacks

Wednesday Sept 18th Lat 36° 00' South Lon 75° 00' W. Head
Commenced with strong breeze from S West
Boats Chasing off after the first whale the
Bow & main went down & lowered 3 boats at
first led run of the whale a piece of the Chace
I came aboard middle were hit at 12 heading
S West latter fresh breeze from South heading
N West were ship at 12 heading S West
Cooper employed in repairing Le Boat Choke
Sight the main that started the N Boat but
him forward & took one of the sperm
grasp him up to the stern West Boat 40 mi
in sight

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Thurs day Sept 19th Lat 36° 24' South Lon 74° 22' W. Head
Commenced with fresh breeze from South heading
S West Cooper employed in repairing the Le Boat
Gained with the sperm & the 2 boats two other
sail in sight middle were hit at 12 heading
S West latter fresh breeze from South starting N West
West all sail set Cooper finished repairing the Boat
Four sail & sailsacks on

Friday Sept 20th Lat 36° 28' South Lon 74° 41' W. Head
Commenced with fresh breeze from South starting
N West with all sail set put the Le Boat
overboard & put her on the cranes at our elbow
helped to the wind & shortened sail gained with
the sperm boat 3 other sail in sight middle were
hit at 12 heading S West latter strong breeze
from S West heading East with double reef
topsails & foresail put 4 sails set two sail &
sailsacks seen were ship at 12 heading S West

Saturday Sept 21st Lat 35° 54' South Lon 74° 20' W. Head
Commenced with strong breeze from South heading
S West shorting all sail at sun down two
sail & sailsacks seen middle were hit at 12 heading
S West latter fresh breeze from S West heading
S West employed in making spruce for the sail in sight

Sunday Sept 22nd Lat 36° 00' South Lon 74° 37' W. Head
Commenced with light winds from South heading
S West were hit at 12 heading N West middle
heading S West latter fresh breeze from South
at 12 gained & sperm whale going away to the
N West at 2 lowered 3 boats the West in sight
she lowered her boats & started at the Matilda
Le Boat struck & our Le Boat struck him at 12
12/2 got him along sight of the Matilda
also got two blackfish & other sails in sight