

1879 Remarks on board Bark Matilda Sears

Thursday Oct 23rd Lat 30° 30' Lon 85° 28' W
First part fresh breeze from S East
heading S East tackled ship at
6 1/2 heading S East saw Finbacks
Blackbirds & Porpoises middle heading
S East better heading the wind shifted
in ship sailing & heading S East in night

Friday Oct 24th Lat 31° 15' Lon 85° 39' W
First part fresh breeze from S East head-
ing S East at 6 1/2 heading S East
S East saw Black birds Finbacks heading
S East better fresh breeze from S East
and heading S East employed in
ships duty saw Blackbirds & Finbacks

Saturday Oct 25th Lat 31° 20' Lon 86° 16' W
Commenced with fresh trades from
S East heading S East tackled ship at
6 1/2 heading S East Pulper Bottoms
seen middle heading S East saw fresh
from S East heading S East Brake
out weather not anything new

Sunday Oct 26th Lat 31° 12' Lon 86° 44' W
First part strong trades from S East
heading S East tackled at 6 1/2 heading
S East saw Finback middle heading
S East better fresh trades from S East
heading S East tackled ship at 12 saw
Finback

Monday Oct 27th Lat 31° 20' Lon 86° 22' W
Commenced with fresh trades from S East
heading S East tackled at 4 heading S East
and nothing new middle heading
S East better fresh trades from S East
and heading S East and then
the breeze tapered off and prepared
it not anything new

Cruising on the Pacific Ocean

Tuesday Oct 28th Lat 31° 20' Lon 86° 00' W
Commenced with fresh trades from S East
heading S East with all sail set, not
anything new middle heading S East
better strong trades from S East heading
S East employed in ship duty saw Finback

Wednesday Oct 29th Lat 31° 35' Lon 84° 20' W
First part fresh breeze from S East
heading S East not anything new
middle heading S East better strong
breeze from S East heading S East
at 10 1/2 round the stern whistles going
quick to the stern at 11 1/2 lowered 3
Boats but did not see them out of the
Boats also saw Porpoises & Blackbirds

Thursday Oct 30th Lat 31° 00' Lon 84° 52' W
Commenced with strong breeze from
S East to S East at 12 the Boats got ahead
the ship whistles went out at night going
S East and during the first half gullies
and to repair & put it again went ship
at 6 1/2 middle heading S East better strong
breeze from S East to S East heading
S East to S East sailing in night

Friday Oct 31st Lat 31° 45' Lon 83° 21' W
First part strong breeze from S East
More ship at 5 1/2 heading S East saw
Finbacks middle heading S East better
strong breeze from S East at 10 rain
A strong whole on the weather began going
S East and the Boats ready but did
not lower saw two whales heading to
windward with the ship at 11 the whales
went out of sight the windward over
usual sight also saw Porpoises