

Saturday February 8th 1873
All day light baffling winds from S & W and a very heavy swell running from the S. Ship in blue & green water alternately. No birds or other indications of whales.

Sunday Feb. 9th 1873
All day light airs and calms with a very heavy swell on. Ship in green & blue water alternately. Nothing in sight.

Monday Feb. 10th 1873
All day fresh breezes from the S.W. and fine clear weather. Ship steering S.E. with all prudent sail out. Cruising in green water mostly sometimes very green but a very few birds. No fish or porpoises off Cape Corrientes. Lat 39° 18' Long 54° 50'

Tuesday Feb. 11th 1873
All day overcast with some showers of rain and thunder and lightning. With strong gales from S.W. & W. winds baffling. Ship steering S.E. and E all day with all prudent sail out. In green water until 3 P.M. then came into bluish water. Saw but a very few birds. 3 schools of porpoises. Nothing more in sight. Lat 40° 35' Long 52° 30'

Wednesday Feb. 12th 1873
All day strong gales and squally weather from the S.W. Ship tacking to the S.E. by the wind with all sail out until 11 A.M. then tacked to the S.W. in A.M. saw a great many right whale birds in blue water. Saw also one small right whale bird in blue water in P.M. saw many small porpoises in greenish water.

Thursday Feb. 13th 1873
All day light baffling winds and fine weather. In the A.M. winds from W.S.W. in the P.M. S.W. all day in quite blue water with some birds around. Saw some Portuguese man of war & one live squid & a many right whale birds. Ship in the A.M. steering N by W. with all sail out. Cruising at 14 before 4 P.M. raised (by Antonio) sperm whales going about W. quite quick & irregular in their risings. Had evidently been disturbed at first lowered starb. & larb. ^{in about 2 1/2 miles} and in about 20 minutes lowered the others. At about 5 P.M. Mr. Foster in larb. bow boat - formerly S.B. boat went on head & head and fastened well with an iron - about six feet forward of the whale hump. Whale started running to windward very quick just under the water. He ran about three miles to windward before coming up. The other boats not being able to get up to the fast boat as soon as the fast boat got up to the whale he rounded and took out both ends of line. The boats saw and chased him to windward without gaining on him until near sundown, when the signal was set for them to return on board. and we have two tubs of line less than we had this morning. Lat at merid 40° 43' Long by chron 50° 45'

Friday Feb. 14th 1873
All day a gale of wind from S.W. Ship lying to to W.S.W. under storm sails. Many birds around all day. Gulls & jaegers. Saw a large piece of squid. Saw also a school of flying squid. Water quite blue all day. Nothing more in sight. Lat 40° 53' Long 51° 20'

Lat at merid 41° 14'
Long at merid 50° 50'

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