

Monday Dec. 15th 1873 First part light breezes from NW and somewhat hazy weather. Ship by the wind to the S.W. with all sail set. Nothing in sight but one fishback and some birds two or three schools of fish and snipefish. shipfark. In the P.M. ship steering to the S.E.

Lat. at merid 37° 08'

Long. by chron. 52° 00'

Tuesday Dec. 16th 1873

All day light buffing winds from the E & E by S and calm. Ship by the wind to the S.E. with all set cruising - but little indications of whales - only a few birds and one school of small fish.

Lat by Cal. 37° 15'

Long. by Chron. 51° 31'

Wednesday Dec. 17th 1873

Comes in with fresh breezes from the South and clear weather. Ship steering to the N.W. with all sail but foretopgall'sail out. saw but a very few birds in the A.M. saw several humpback going quick to the S.E. and breaching - also saw jump. In the P.M. saw three sail all steering S.W.

Lat 37° 22'

Long 51° 40'

Thursday Dec. 18th 1873

All day light air and calm. in the A.M. and squally in the P.M. a gale from S.W. and squally weather. Ship on various courses cruising with all prudent sail out. working to the S.E. at 10 A.M. spoke ship Leon, Morris Winslow Kent Bedford 4 1/2 mos. out 300 Bbls sperm oil - had seen nothing since leaving Western Isles. commenced gamming. Capt. W. coming on board of the Pacific and Mr. Baker going on board the P.E. M. at night hove to both ships. Under slow reefed maintopsail too rough for boat to return.

Lat 35° 22' S 36° 00'

Long 52° 08' W 51° 40'

Friday Dec. 19th 1873

Comes in with fresh gales from the S.W. and clear weather. both ships steering in to the S.W. with all prudent sail out cruising in the P.M. moderate steering to the W. at night calm. at 6 broke up the gamming. have seen several pieces of squid today and numbers of birds. - water blue and clear all day but nothing in it.

Lat 35° 32'

Long 52° 08'

Saturday Dec. 20th 1873

Comes in with moderate breezes from the N.E. & N.W. and fine clear weather. Ship steering S.W. but in green water. and hauled up S & S E. saw in early morn several Humpbacks - Leon, Morris lowered three boats for them but did not strike. saw but a few birds, in green water nearly all day.

Lat 36° 39'

Long 52° 20'

Sunday Dec. 21st 1873

All day strong gales from N.W. and clear weather. Ship in lee with Leon, Morris steering to the S.W. with double reefed topsails. Nothing in sight in green water until 10 A.M. - at 8 A.M. kept ship off to the E. and at 10 came into green water. at 12 M ship heading N.E. at 4 saw Leon, Morris with main yard aback. kept ship off and ran for her soon saw her boat down and soon saw sperm whale. Leon, Morris set ensign as signal to mate, which we readily answered by setting ensign. saw C. M. boat strike a whale. Sounded all four of our boats and chased. The mate Mr. Baker coming up with the whales struck a 50 Bbl bull. - at 3 P.M. the mate followed the school in lee with 3 d mate of Leon, Morris but unable to get in. Took whale alongside soon after dark. Mr. Skin & d mate of C. M. came on board and remained all night.

Lat. of Whales 38° 50'

Long of do 52° 10'

Lat at merid 39° 00'

Long by Chron. 52° 20'

Monday Dec. 22^d 1873

Comes in with strong gales from S.W. and much rain with heavy thunder and sharp lightning. at 4 A.M. hooked on to the whale but did not do much on account of the rain until 7. Mr. Skin & d mate of C. M. left for his ship at 5 P.M. she being about 3 miles distant to the N.E. - at 10 got the whale all cut in - in the P.M. cleared away the head and started the works. Strong gales from S.W. ship heading to the N.W. - Nothing more in sight all day.

Lat at merid 39° 06'

Long by Chron. 51° 40'