

# Bark Pacific Cruising In The

Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup>

All day fresh breeze from the W and N.W. with light showers of rain. Ship by the wind on different tacks - loom, Morris in lo, and two other vessels in sight. One a merchantman bound to the S.W. and the other we call a whaler. At 4 P.M. Capt W. J. Leake came on board (both ships boiling) and reported his whale as rising 100 Bbls. of oil - at 8 spoke Bk. Neermaid Heicks of Westport. 4 mos. and 100 Bbls. sperm. had been cruising about here for three weeks and seen nothing - saw a few birds and some small fish today.

Lat. 31° 35' Long 51° 56'

Friday Jan. 2<sup>d</sup>

All day strong breezes from E and S.E. and hazy weather. Ship under easy sail in the A.M. in the P.M. moderate sail for cruising. Stowed the oil 99 Bbls in main hold. Left Pin lo, stowing oil also - saw Bk. Neermaid at a distance cruising - saw but a few birds today but saw 4 sail steering to the S.W. standing to N & N.E. all night.

Lat 38° 06'

Long 51° 50'

Saturday Jan. 3<sup>d</sup>

All day strong breezes from the E. and thick cloudy weather being poor sailing. Ship by the wind to the N.W. & under double reefed topsails in lo with loom, Morris - nothing more in sight all day - water blue and clear with some skipjack.

Lat at merid 36° 38'

Long by chron 51° 00'

Sunday Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>

All day strong gales from the E. and thick rainy weather. Ship cruising under close reefed topsails to the N. in lo with loom, Morris - saw one sail in the morn steering to the S.E. No Obs.

Monday Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>

All day fresh breezes from the W and S.W. and clear weather. Ship by the wind to the S. and S.E. with all prudent sail out in lo with lo, Leake. In the morn saw two sail steering to the N.E. just at night saw a whaler called St. Andrew Heicks.

Lat 36° 18' Long 50° 45'

# South Atlantic Ocean

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Tuesday Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

Came in with light baffling winds from the N.W. and fine clear weather. Ship by the wind to the N.W. with all sail out cruising - with four sail in sight all whalers and cruising, some on one tack and some on the other. Saw Heicks going quick to the windward - at 5 1/2 P.M. Firek S. Reynolds boatsteerer fell from the masthead. At the main, and was instantly killed. He was standing in his regular masthead in lo, with other Brown. I'll think mate, and was first noticed by him as sinking bodily down through the hoop, as under a relaxation of whole muscular system, after his body passed through the hoop it fell forward and a little outboard in which position he descended striking across the cutting stage breast first, with his head inboard, then tumbling outboard and striking the water back up, from which position he never stirred. We immediately lowered a boat and picked him up, and applied the usual restoratives but without avail, we could perceive no signs of life beyond feeling at first a slight tremor of the heart, his breast being completely crushed in, though his skin was scarcely broken. We conclude that he was subjected to a dislocation of the heart, and the undue excitement induced by raising what he supposed to be sperm whales caused the beatings of the heart to cease.

We laid him out in the American ensign, and at 1 P.M. after the usual manner of burying the dead at sea, by reading the burial services, a chapter in the bible, and a prayer, we committed his body to the deep.

Firek S. Reynolds was a good and faithful boatsteerer, an honorable and upright man, and judging from his general deportment a true and pious christian. Although we had been together but a few months, the nature of his disposition was such, that he had endeared to him all on board.

At 8 P.M. spoke Bk. Andrew Heicks Nostrand of Westport 18 mos. 670 Bbls. sperm oil. No indications of whales through the day - water of a dark green - at night steering S.W. 1/2 W.

Lat. at merid 36° 42' S.

Long by chron 50° 07' W.

Firek S. Reynolds, Boatsteerer  
Fell from Masthead and killed