

Bark Pacific Cruising In The

Wednesday Jan 7th All day moderate breeze from the S.W. and fine clear weather ship steering various courses but working to the S.W. - two sail in sight the Andrew Hicks and a stranger - whale - all the a.m. water of a dark green, in the P.M. of a dark blue, no indications of whales excepting a few birds  
 at 6 P.M. spoke Bk. Mermaid nothing since we last saw her one week ago. at 7 spoke Bk. Mercury Giffard. then Bedford 9 mos. 270 sperm. had seen nothing here but here three days, but up in lat. 31 to 33 long 26 to 48 had seen whales three times - ship steering S.W. through the night No Obs.

Thursday Jan 8th All day light baffling winds from the S.W. and hazy weather - ship steering to the S and W through the day - in the morn saw one sail, took it to be the Bk. Mermaid was steering S.W. but hauled in to the S.W. - no birds or other indications of whales today.  
 Lat 34 44  
 Long 52 15

Friday Jan 9th 1870 All day fresh breeze from the W and S.W. - ship by the wind to the S.W. with all prudent sail out cruising - but no indications of whales today - nothing in sight  
 Lat. at merid. 38.00  
 Long by lebro. 52.14

Saturday Jan 10th First part fresh breeze from the S.W. and clear weather - ship by the wind to the S.W. with all prudent sail out at 2 P.M. raised two large sperm whales going quick to the S.W. severed all four boats and galloped them they starting off to the windward quick - kept run of them and at 5h lowered 2 boats for them again - second boat struck - killed the whale and got him to the ship by dusk - blowing fresh from the W. judge the whale to be about 100 lbs  
 of Whales Lat 39.28  
 Long 51.45  
 Lat. at merid 39.20  
 Long by lebro 51.50

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Sunday Jan 11th Came in with a gale of wind from the N ship by the whale too rough to cut - at 7 started fluke chain but managed to keep the whale along side by drawing iron in him - put another chain on him and then payed him out with about 18 fathoms of hawser. Saw early in the morn a large school of small sperm whales going quick to the windward at 7 saw a large whale going slow to leeward too rough to lower. at 3 P.M. moderated a little hooked on to the whale and cut his body in leaving the head on the carcass alongside being too rough to cut it  
 Lat at merid 39.32  
 Long by lebro 51.00  
 of Whales Lat. 39 30  
 Long 51.28

Monday Jan 12th All day light airs from S.W. and around to S.E. and clear weather at 7 a.m. hooked on to the whale's head and cut it in there being a heavy swell from the S. all hand in the P.M. clearing away head boiling &c. Nothing in sight all day but one finback  
 Lat by lebr 39.40  
 Long by lebro 51.24

Tuesday Jan 13th All day moderate breeze from the S.W. and fine pleasant weather - ship by the wind to the S.W. with all prudent sail out. - saw a few birds and Grampuses. - at 10 a.m. spoke Bk. Clarence Merchant of Edgartown nothing this season. nothing more in sight all day in the P.M. steering to the S.W.  
 Lat at merid. 39.04  
 Long by lebro 52.16

Wednesday Jan 14th All day strong gales from the W and clear weather. ship by the wind all day under close reefed maintopsail and fore spencer - boiling nothing in sight all day  
 Lat at merid. 39.01  
 Long by lebro. 52.05