

## Bark Pacific Cruising In The South

Thursday March 26th All day fresh breeze from the N.W. and fine weather. Ship by the wind with all prudent sail out to the N.E. employed in clearing away head & doing other duty about ship. Cooper repairing West boat - at 9 1/2 A.M. raised Sperm Whales breaching on weather bow going to the N. as near as we could judge - chased them until 2 P.M. when we lost sight of them to windward - saw several bound to the N.E.  
Lat 27.27 Long of Whales 150.30  
Lat 28.10 Long of do 158.20

Friday March 27th All day fresh breeze from the N.W. and clear weather. Ship by the wind to the N.E. with all prudent sail out. Nothing in sight but two or three merchantmen steering to the N.E. In the P.M. the weather looking rather squally.  
Lat 26.52 Long 157.57

Saturday March 28th Comes in with light baffling winds from the S. and squally weather with heavy showers of rain. Ship steering N. Per compass with all prudent sail out. Saw two merchant brigs steering to the N.E. - at 7 A.M. while being becalmed raised a school of Sperm Whales coming N.W. and directly for the ship. Called all hands and made preparations for lowering boats. In the mean time a rain squall came up so that we could not see the whales. But they saw the ship and started off quite quick to the West. Lowered all the boats and chased with light baffling winds and calms and through several rain squalls until P.M. without success. In the P.M. got a steady breeze from the N. and clear weather but as the whales kept on a steady course N.W. since 12 M. the winds were of no benefit in chasing. When the boats had a steady breeze and fair they would come up fair with the whales and in that way got quite near several times and every time when the prospect was fair of soon striking a thick rain squall would come on and cover the whales, or the wind would suddenly change ahead or as sudden die out and leave the boats becalmed. At sunset whales were four miles from the ship and going N.W. Lat 26.22 Long 157.45

## Atlantic Ocean In The Year of 1874

Sunday March 29th All day strong breeze from the N.E. and fine clear weather. Ship in the morning steering N.W. 1/2 N. per compass under easy sail going three knots on the track of the whales we saw last night in hopes of seeing them again today. but seeing nothing at 1 tacked ship and stood to the E. - at 2 P.M. saw two sail one ahead and under short sail apparently busy - at 5 came up and spoke her who proved to be the Draco - had just cut in and boiling four small whales taken the day before - the four whales would probably make about 40 Bbls. The school contained about twenty five or thirty whales and were going slow to the N.E. before striking after that they started off S.E. - Shortened sail and stood by the wind all night  
Lat 25.47  
Long 157.58

Monday March 30th Comes in with fresh breeze from the N. and clear weather. Ship by the wind to the E. N.E. under double reefed topsails spanker jib and maintopmast staysail and foresail. One sail or Barkentine in sight to the windward by the wind to the E. N.E. Nothing more in sight all day.  
Lat 25.00 Long 156.50

Tuesday March 31st All day fresh trades from the N. and quite fine weather. Ship by the wind on various tacks cruising with all prudent sail out. One sail or Barkentine in sight steering to the N. & E. - saw one school of humpers. Nothing more in sight all day.  
Lat 25.26 Long 155.13

Wednesday March April 1st Comes in with strong breezes from the N.E. and squally weather ship by the wind to the N.W. with two reefs in foretop sail whole main and jib spanker and mainsail set. Nothing in sight all day. Some three or four sick ones here. are complaining but not off duty.  
Lat 24.14  
Long 155.07