

Bark Pacific Cruising In The North

Friday July 17th All day a gale of wind from the N.W. and cloudy weather. Ship by the wind to the S and W. under double reefed topsails & in the P.M. courses jib & spanker. Nothing in sight all day but two or three finbacks and two or three schools of porpoises.

Lat. 48.44 Long 25.50 W.

Saturday July 18th All day fresh breeze from the N.W. and quite clear fine weather with an occasional squall and small showers of rain. Ship cruising to the N and N.E. mostly with all prudent sail out - water all P.M. rather green with patches of blue water. At 4 P.M. raised Sperm Whales on weather bow going quite quick sharp by the wind on to the N.W. worked the ship up and in after them and lowered two boats at 6. Starb. Boat attempted to go on - was in position to go head and head but instead fell in astern and could not get up, but galled the whales.

Lat at merid 48.00 Long 26.10

Lat of Whales 48.30 Long 26.00

Sunday July 19th All day coarse weather with strong gales of wind from S.W. in P.M. and N.W. in P.M. Ship lying to all day on opposite tack too rough for whaling and too thick for seeing - saw several passing sail.

No Obs

Monday July 20th All day fresh breezes from the N.W. and cloudy weather with light showers of rain. Ship by the wind to the N.E. & E. with all prudent sail out. Saw several finbacks and several sail. Water blue and green alternately. Cruising just at night fell in with two schools quite plenty. Took in sail heading to the N.E. by the wind.

Lat 48.35 Long 26.15

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Tuesday July 21st All day light airs from all points and calms. Ship making but little progress to the E. - Saw several sail. Two or three finbacks & some jellies in the water, that of a light greenish cast with some yellow tints.

Lat 48.50 Long 25.42

Wednesday July 22d All day moderate breezes and fine weather from the N.W. and W. Ship cruising on various courses but working mainly to the E. N.E. with all sail out. Water blue - good color some few birds porpoises and other indications of whales. Saw one or two finbacks and two schools of Grampuses. At 11 A.M. raised a school of Sperm Whales going quite slowly to the S.W. being quite sharp on the wind. By Mr. Barrell's there were some five or six Whales. Lowered two boats at first and then in about half of an hour the others Mr. Foster in Starb. Boat struck a tough one. Started in the first place to run fast - then sounded heavy - in about an hour Mr. Baker fastened and soon managed to get one or two bombs in him, one in his head which made him almost crazy. The boats then had all they could attend to. Back Boat got stove two planks knocked in on her bottom by the whales jaw and all the boats more or less used up. but succeeded in getting the whale alongside by 4 P.M. hooked on at six and cut the body in then turned all hands but two below.

Lat at merid 49.16 Long 25.10 W.

Thursday July 23d All day moderate breezes and quite good weather from the W. some fog. At 4 A.M. hooked on to the whales head and got all in by 12 M. judge the whale will make about 90 Bbls. being large but very poor. The carcass extremely so. Started the workers cut up junk cleared up deck &c in the P.M. - water blue all day. Saw several sail.

Lat 49.14 Long by leab. 25.00