

Bark Pacific Cruising in the North

Sunday Aug 30th. All day light breezes from S.W. and calm. Ship steering to the S.E. all day in lee with Bark Stamboul. Capt. on board. Having a gann. Find a very strong current running here to the N.W. per compass. Can scarcely stem the current. Compared Loro's with the Stamboul; as is 60 miles W. of here. Nothing seen all day but tide-rips albacore turtle & Dolphin.
Lat 40.17 Long 49.49

Monday Aug 31st. All day fresh breezes from the S.W. and fine clear weather. Good seeing. Ship steering S.E. until 8 A.M. then kept off S.E. per compass in lee with the Bark Stamboul. Find that by steering S.E. we can beat little more than stem the current. No signs of whales all day. At night rather rainy.
Lat 40.24 Long 49.48

Tuesday 1st Sept. 1st. All day fresh breezes from the S.W. and quite fine weather with some rain and looking some like a storm but in the P.M. it clears off and sun shining bright and pleasant. In the A.M. steering to the S.E. in the P.M. to the N. all night standing N.W. under short sail.
Lat 39.37 Long 48.17

Wednesday Sept 2d. All day fresh breezes from S.W. and hazy weather looking much like rain. Ship standing to the N.E. with all prudent sail out in company with the Stamboul until 4 P.M. then wore ship steering S.E. until night when took in sail. Have seen nothing indicating whales for the last two days and now leave here for the 2/40 S. have seen a very few birds in about Lat of 40. To the N.E. & S. we have seen none neither have we seen any porpoises or other indications of whales. Everything looking very dry and as though there was not a whale within a thousand miles.
Lat 40.56 Long 47.25

Atlantic Ocean in the year of 1874

Thursday Sept 3d. All day strong gales from S.W. and rainy weather. Ship steering S. S.E. per compass with all prudent sail out in lee with the Bark Stamboul for the 2/40 S. nothing but two sail in sight. No indications of whales.
Lat 40.09 Long 45.15

Friday Sept 4th. All day strong breezes from S.W. and generally good weather. Some squalls. Ship steering to the S.E. per compass in lee with Bark Stamboul. Have seen nothing all day but Grampuses most of the day in tide-rips.
Lat 39.56 Long 43.30

Saturday Sept 5th. All day moderate breezes from the S.W. and somewhat squally weather with small showers of rain. Ship steering S.E. until 12 M. then S.E. per compass with all prudent sail out in lee with Bark Stamboul. At 2 P.M. went on board of her and gammed until sun down in the P.M. Saw Blackfish. Lowered two boats and chased without success. The Blackfish were going S.W. quite slow. In the A.M. among tide-rips. Water blue all day.
Lat 37.36 Long 41.29

Sunday Sept 6th. All day moderate breezes from the S.W. and fine clear weather. Ship cruising to the E. with all sail out. Bark Stamboul in lee. Another sail in sight a Brig steering to the E. by the wind. Water all day blue and clear with a few tallow drops. One man a boatsteerer. Lawrence by name sick and off duty with the rheumatism.
Lat 38.23 Long 39.00 W