

Barque Pacific Cruising in the North

Thursday Oct. 8th All day fresh N.E. trades and quite good weather, somewhat cloudy - ship steering S.W. by W with all sail out - Nothing in sight all day
Lat 23.35 Long 18.15 W

Friday Oct. 9th All day strong N.E. trades and quite fine weather - Ship steering S.W. by W with all sail out - Nothing in sight all day
Lat 21.13 Long 19.05

Saturday Oct 10th All day strong N.E. trades and fine pleasant weather - Ship steering W. per compass with all sail out - at 9 A.M. raised Sperm Whales close to the ship - lowered and chased with all four boats - in a short time Bow Boat struck a 40 lb whale - then Starb. boat struck another - The whales then started quick to the leeward - Waist boat chased without success - Killed the whales and got them both to the ship by 9 P.M. commenced cutting - while cutting a cutting strap (of chain) parted letting the blubber overboard - the whale then sunk and parted the fluke chain, and we lost about one half of the whale - saving the head and one blanket piece - We then cut the other whale getting through about 9 P.M. then sent all but two of the crew below for the remainder of the night
Lat 20.05 Long 22.00

Sunday Oct. 11th All day fine pleasant weather with moderate N.E. trades. Ship under easy sail on different tacks cruising - all hands employed in cleaning away heads and doing other work about the ship - at 9 A.M. started the works boiling head
Lat 19.58 Long 22.17

October Monday 12th All day fine pleasant weather - with light N.E. trades - Ship cruising with all prudent sail out - Nothing in sight but one finback - all the P.M. steering to the S. on the edge of green water
Lat 19.09 Long 22.07

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Tuesday October 13th All day moderate trades from N.E. and cloudy weather - Ship cruising to the W. with all prudent sail out cruising - Watch employed in boiling and doing other jobs about the ship - Nothing in sight all day - at 7 P.M. finished boiling the two whales turning up on deck 75 bbls.
Lat at Merd. 18.58 Long 23.45 W

Wednesday Oct. 14th All day fresh trades from the E. and cloudy weather - In the A.M. all hands stowing oil in the fore hold; stowed 75 bbls. from the two whales - at 8 A.M. kept ship off Ch. for Brava for the purpose of obtaining a boat steerer - Nothing in sight all day till 4 P.M. raised the Island of St. Antonio bearing S by E per compass
Lat 18.30 Long 26.00

Thursday, Oct. 15th All day steering S.E. for the island of Brava - lying becalmed under the lee of St. Antonio all night. In the morning saw a large steamer steering up the south side of St. Antonio for St. Vincent - called her a man of war. - strong breezes and clear weather all day.

Friday Oct. 16th All day strong N.E. trades and cloudy sky - Ship lying too off Hojo - at 8 A.M. went on shore (at the town of Saiz) but did not land on account of the heavy surf - spoke a shore boat who informed us that we could not obtain much in the way of recruits - therefore left for the Isle of Brava - at 7 P.M. spoke Bark Janet formerly of Westport with 100 bbls Sperm Oil - at 7 P.M. landed at Brava and engaged a few recruits - also engaged a boat steerer - there being several here. But only one that comes recommended