

Barque Pacific Cruising In The South

Tuesday Oct 27th All day moderate breezes from the South & calms. Ship by the wind working to the S.W. on different tacks. Some rain squalls through the day. Nothing in sight but one sail standing on the Starb. tack to the E. made but little progress in last 24 hours.

Lat 4.07 Long. 24.45

Wednesday Oct 28th All day moderate breezes from the E. and clear weather. Ship by the wind all day working to the S.W. Nothing in sight. Still in the doldrums and making but little progress.

Lat 3.18 Long. 25.55

Thursday Oct 29th All day fresh winds from E resembling trades. Ship by the wind to the W.S.W. with all sail out. One sail in sight a hermaphrodite Brig by the wind to the W.S.W. passed in the night a steamer bound to the N.E.

Lat 2.11 Long. 26.50

Friday Oct 30th All day moderate trades from E.S.E. and fine weather. Shift the trades gradually last night in first watch. Ship by the wind to the S.W. with all sail but fore royal on. One sail in sight a Barque to the leeward. At 1 P.M. saw a large school of Blackfish going quite slow to windward.

Lat 0.35 Lat Long 28.10 W

Saturday Oct 31st All day fresh trades from the E.S.E. and fine weather. Ship steering S.S.W. per compass with all sail out. Nothing in sight but one sail standing to the S.W. Like sunset. Just at night saw what we called Blackfish.

Lat 2.19 S Long. 28.53

Sunday November 1st All day fresh S.E. trades. Ship by the wind to the S.S.W. with all sail out but royals. 2 sail in sight.

Lat 5.13 S Long 29.22

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Monday November 2d All day moderate trades from the N.E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind heading S.W. by S with all sail but royals on. One sail in sight by the wind to the S.W. At 11 A.M. saw what we called Grampuses, breaching - watch employed about decks in overhauling lines &c. One man Hambence Antonio sick and still off duty.

Lat 7.57 S Long 30.58 W

Tuesday Nov 3d All day light baffling winds from the N.E. and fine pleasant weather very warm. Ship by the wind to the S.W. with all sail out. Good seeing but nothing indicating whales in sight. In A.M. saw one sail a Hermaphrodite Brig steering to the N. In the P.M. one sail steering to the S.W. No birds fish or jellies, only a few scattering Portuguese Man of War. To be seen in this fine pleasant weather.

Lat at merid 9.22 S Long 31.27 W

Wednesday Nov 4th All day moderate breezes from the E. and fine clear weather. Ship steering to the S by W with all sail out. Saw White Water twice in the A.M. caused by pumps. Saw two sail also steering to the N.W. and one to the S.W. Water clear all day but nothing like whales.

Lat at merid 12.29 Long 32.18

Thursday Nov 5th All day moderate trades from the N.E. and fine clear weather. Ship steering S by W with all sail but fore royal out. In the P.M. saw one sail steering to the E. and another steering to the N.W. at 12 P. raised Sperm Whales ahead, breaching by Green about 8 miles Dist. Soon discovered that they were going the same or nearly so as ourselves and gaining on us. We kept them in sight until 4 P.M. then saw them no more. Were going S.W. by S. 3/4 to S. very quick. Nothing more in sight all day. Water blue and very clear. Nothing in it.

Lat 15.06 Long 32.10