

Barge Pacific Cruising In The South

Monday Nov. 20th All day moderate breezes from the N.W. and clear pleasant weather about 5 P.M. passed from Green water into blue - good color - and glad were we all for the change - not having seen any blue water since leaving this boat last Monday and placed as far South as Lat 41.40 after getting into Green water saw several finbacks and Sulphur Bottoms - but a very few birds

Lat. 41.50 Long 54.11 W

Tuesday Nov. December 1st Comes in with heavy squalls of wind and rain from the N.W. with a very heavy cross chopping sea on - came on so sudden that we were obliged to call all hands and shorten sail from double reefed topsails and courses to close reefed or foner main top-sail and heave ship to - at 9 P.M. settled at S.W. and blowed heavy all day with squalls of hail and rain

Lat 41.05 Long 53.06

Wednesday December 2d All day heavy gale from the S.W. with squalls of hail and rain - Ship lying to under lower main topsail, main spencer and five stay sail - Nothing in sight No Obs.

Thursday Dec. 3d Comes in with a gale of wind from S.W. and cloudy weather - Ship lying to heading W.S.W. with nothing but storm sails set - at 12 beginning to moderate - made sail as occasion required - at sunset very fine with moderate breeze from W.P. Nothing in sight all day - but a few birds - Water quite blue.

Lat. 40.12 Long 53.16 W

Friday Dec 4th All day moderate breezes from W.S.W. and fine clear weather - Ship by the wind to the N.W. and W. with all sail out - Saw plenty of finbacks, humpbacks and Sulphur Bottoms - water most of the day Green but some blue spots - Some birds but no other indications of whales - Got a Leunan at night shortened sail heading to the W.S.W.

Lat 39.46 Long 54.30 & Leunan 53.11

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Saturday Dec. 5th All day strong gales from the N and E and quite fine weather - Ship by the wind cruising - In the morning judged ourselves well in on the banks in Green water, tacked and stood off to the E, nothing indicating whales - saw a few birds of the Cape Horn Pigeon species - weather good and good seeing all day - at night stood to the south under easy sail

Lat. 39.17 Long 55.00 W

Sunday Dec. 6th All day fine weather and moderate winds from the N.E. - Ship cruising by the wind with all prudent sail out on various tacks in partially blue water all day - Nothing in sight but finbacks Humpbacks and Sulphur Bottoms - at night standing to the E under short sail

Lat. 40.02 Long 54.50 W

Monday Dec. 7th All day blowing a gale from N.E. and N.W. and thick foggy rainy weather - Ship by the wind to the E and N.W. with double reefed topsails - In the morn in good blue water the first we have seen the season - several finbacks in sight - at 9 in Green water plenty of birds and fish - Saw one sail in the A.M. being thick weather could not make her out but called her a whale - stood towards her for one hour but continuing thick, came to the wind again

Lat. 40.12 Long 53.00 W

Tuesday Dec. 8th All day light airs and calms and overcast weather - Ship in the A.M. standing to the E with all sail out - saw several finbacks birds and several school of fish - all were in the P.M. standing to the N.W. water Green and thick all day - Nothing in sight

Wednesday Dec. 9th All day light airs from the S.E. and calms - Ship working to the N.E. with all sail out - Saw several finbacks, Humpbacks and Sulphur Bottoms at 1 P.M. lowered all four boats and chased them without success No Obs.