

Barque Pacific Cruising In The South

Friday Dec. 18th All day strong gales from the N.E.W. and hazy weather - poor seeing - Ship in the A.M. steering to the S.E. under close reefed fore and double reefed main topsails - water of a light green all day and no indications of whales. In the P.M. steering to the E.S.E. - at night quite moderate.
Lat 38.29 Long 52.00 W

Saturday Dec. 19th All day moderate breezes from the S.W.W. and by night had settled at N.W. and fine pleasant weather. Ship in the morning heading N.W. with all sail out - at night at sun down heading N.E. - saw one finback and but a very few birds through the day - in quite good blue water but nothing in it. Saw two sails, one with Gallant masts gone.
Lat 37.47 Long 50.40

Sunday Dec. 20th All day fine weather with moderate breezes from the S.W.W. & N.W. - ship by the wind all day to the N.W. with all sail out in quite blue water - but nothing in it - saw two sails, both working south.
Lat 37.08 Long 51.30 W

Monday Dec. 21st All day strong gales from N. and mostly fair weather - Ship by the wind to the W.S.W. In the A.M. under double reefed main topsail - at 1 P.M. set close reefed port topsail - at six P.M. wind changed suddenly to S.W. with rain - took in fore topsail and set main topsail and hove to for the night heading N.W. on board
Lat 37.36 Long 52.20

Tuesday Dec. 22^d All day a heavy gale from S.W. with clear weather - Ship by the wind all day on different tacks going to under close or lower main topsail and fore staysail & main spencer - Nothing in sight all day
Lat 36 16 Long 52.57

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Wednesday Dec. 23^d All day gales of wind from the N.W. and mostly clear weather - Ship going to under lower maintopsail, main spencer and fore staysail - Nothing in sight all day but a few birds - water blue and clear
Lat 36.15 Long 52.53 W

Thursday Dec. 24th All day a gale of wind from the N.W. and clear weather - Ship going to under lower maintopsail - Nothing in sight but birds - water blue and clear - Ship on different tacks this being the 4th day of the gale and no end yet
Lat 37 08 Long 53.01

Friday Dec. 25th All day a gale of wind from N.W. with a cross ugly sea running - Ship going to in the morning but kept off S.W. at 7 A.M. with close reefed maintopsail - at 8 A.M. came into moderate green water and in green water the remainder of the day - Nothing in sight but a very few birds - This being the 5th day of the gale and the end is not yet - so goes the season
Lat 38.37 Long 52.44 W

Saturday Dec. 26th All day a gale of wind and heavy squalls of rain from S.W. - Ship in the morning going to under lower maintopsail, main spencer & fore staysail - at 8 A.M. kept ship N.E. per compass and set close reefed maintopsail - in very green water all day - Nothing in it but occasionally a bird - at 4 P.M. saw several finbacks - water growing thick with animalcules
Lat 38.47 Long 51.22

Sunday Dec. 27th Calmed in with moderate breezes from the S.W. and quite fine weather, and fair seeing - Ship steering S.W. with all sail out - all the A.M. plenty of finbacks in sight and two sunfish - water very green all day - In the P.M. calm - saw Grampuses and two schools of small fish - Nothing more in sight
Lat 36.53 Long 50.53 W