

Barque Pacific Cruising In The South

Friday Feb. 5th All day strong breezes from the N and N.E. and rainy & squally weather. Ship by the wind to the E & E.N.E. with all prudent sail out. Nothing in sight all day - water blue and clear. No Obs.

Saturday Feb. 6th All day strong breezes from the N & N.E. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the E and E.S.E. with all prudent sail out - some heavy thunder and vivid lightning. Water blue and clear, nothing but birds indicating whales. Lat 22 30 Long 44.41

Sunday Feb. 7th All day light baffling winds from the N and N.E. and somewhat squally weather. Ship by the wind to the N.E. all day with all sail out - nothing in sight but one merchant sail standing to the S.W. with all sail out - water all day blue and clear - saw one school of albacore and one Diamond fish. Lat 31 30 Long 43.57

Monday Feb. 8th All day fresh breezes from the S and fine pleasant weather. Ship steering N.E. all day with all prudent sail out - saw in the A.M. one sail steering to the W.N.W. by the wind - saw in the P.M. two schools of Grampuses - a very few birds and a few flying fish - nothing more in sight so took Lat 29 51 Long 43.30 W

Tuesday Feb. 9th All day moderate breezes from the E and N.E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind to the N.E. and E.N.W. with all sail out cruising - nothing but one sail steering to the S.W. in sight - water blue and clear - all or two birds seen all day - are now steering in for the Cape de Good Hope with the intent of cruising there - There seems to be but very little life in the water anywhere we have been this season - No birds, fish or indications of whales. Lat 27 08 Long 42.50

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Wednesday Feb. 10th All day fine pleasant weather with the winds from N.E. Ship cruising with all sail out - Nothing in sight but two sail and several schools of Grampuses - water blue & clear - No birds or fish excepting a few albacore in the morning. Lat 26 33 Long 42.00

Thursday Feb. 11th All day fine pleasant weather, with trades from N.E. Ship by the wind to the E.S.E. per compass with all sail out cruising - Nothing in sight all day but Grampuses - saw several schools of them - water blue and clear - No birds or fish. Lat 26.09 Long 41.15

Friday Feb. 12th All day moderate breeze from N.E. and fine pleasant weather - Ship by the wind to the E.S.E. with all sail but fore, top, gall sail on cruising - Nothing in sight - no birds, fish or Grampuses - water blue & clear. Lat 26.46 Long 40.00 W

Saturday Feb. 13th All day light baffling winds from the N.E. and hazy weather. In the morn ship heading S.E. by the wind with all sail out - at 7 A.M. when ship heading N.N.W. with all sail out at 7 P.M. raised small sperm whales - by Mr. Baker - lowered all four boats and chased - could not tell how the body of the whales were going as it was nearly calm and the whales seemed to be going from us. One whale however left the school and started off S by W. in his "leavings" he had the appearance of a large whale, and we took him for such and chased him with all the boats. He would remain down about an hour "at a time" and remain up a long time, and keep steady on his course S by W. - at 11 P.M. Boat Mr. Foster struck him - killed him and got him to ship by 12 - saw white water long dist. off ahead of the whale - In P.M. and the whale 20 lbs. - just at night saw more whales 27.00 39.04