

Barque Pacific Cruising In The South

Wednesday Feb. 24th All day strong gales from the N.W. and hazy weather. Ship by the wind all day to the N.W. with all prudent sail out. I say whole topsails & courses. Nothing in sight. Water blue & clear.

Lat. 26 06 Long 37.53

Thursday Feb. 25th All day strong gales from the N.W. and S.W. Ship steering by the wind all the A.M. in the P.M. wind changed to the S.W. kept ship S.W. per compass. Saw three sail all steering S.W. with a heavy press of sail. In the P.M. rainy weather. Water blue & clear but nothing in it.

Lat 20 Long 39.30

Friday Feb. 26th All day stormy weather. Winds in the P.M. from the S.W. with small rain. Ship steering to the N.E. per compass under whole topsails. Noon seeing in the P.M. light airs from the S. Ship with all sails out. Two sail in sight. One steering to the S.W. the other N.E. Water blue and clear.

Lat. 24.20 Long 38.37

Saturday Feb. 27th All day light winds and baffling from the S.E. & E. and somewhat squally weather. Ship steering N.E. with all sail out. One sail in sight steering to the N.E. Nothing more in sight all day. Water blue and clear.

Lat 23.47 Long 37.58

Sunday Feb. 28th All day light baffling winds from all points & calms. Ship in the A.M. with all sail out steering N.E. at 12 M. raised a large lone Sperm Whale going moderate to the S.W. the wind at the time N.W. & light. Lowered all four boats and chased until near sunset. The wind having S.W. & a head. Boats arrived on board by 8 P.M.

Lat 22.50 Long 37.37

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Monday March 1st all day light baffling winds from the E. Ship in the morning steering S.W. Raining run that cause all night with the hopes of falling in with the whale we saw and chased yesterday. At 9 were ship steering S.W. per compass. At 10 wind came out to the S.W. with squalls of rain. Kept ship to the N.E. with all sail out. Nothing in sight all day but one sail but just at night saw many Grampuses.

Lat. 28.65 Long 37.59

Tuesday March 2d all day moderate breezes from the E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship in the A.M. steering to the N.W. until 10 A.M. then kept ship to the S.S.W. in hopes of falling in with Grampuses. At 4 P.M. saw them again more plentiful than the day before. Shot one with a bomb gun. & struck another parting porpoise line & losing iron. Saw two sail both steering to the S.W. at 5 P.M. kept ship by the wind to the N.E. with all sail out.

Lat. 22.05 Long 38.25

Wednesday March 3d all day strong breezes from the E. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the N. & N.E. with all prudent sail out. Saw one sail steering to the S.W. water blue and clear. but nothing in it but flying fish & squid.

Lat. 21.03 Long 38.35

Thursday March 4th All day fine pleasant weather with the exception of an occasional squall. Ship by the wind to the E & S.E. with all sail out. Winds from the N. & N.E. several sail in sight. Water green & thick.

Lat. 19.52 Long 38.05

Friday March 5th All day light winds from the E. & calms. Ship by the wind to the N.E. with all sail out. At 11 M. saw Sperm Whales by Leimas breaching. At 12 M. lowered all four boats. One boat 4 M. made soon struck a small one. The other boats chasing the school until dark when the lead boat struck. Got both to ship by 9 P.M.

Lat 19.24 Long 37.27 W