

Barge Pacific Cruising In The North

Sunday May 9th First part light winds from the N.W. and finer pleasant weather - Ship steering to N.E. per compass with all sail out. Three sail in sight all steering to the E. - water a little green but clear - no life - Saw one school of porpoises the first for three days - no jellies or Coadstools, Sea-fish or birds - the ground is really dull and no mistake. Saw however one Shark, one Sea-fish and two Grampuses just at night unbent main & foresails, jib & foretopmast staysails all being dry and expect to bend new ones tomorrow.
Lat 47.49 Long. 24.20

Monday May 10th Comes in with light winds from the S.W. and foggy weather - Ship going to under lower maintop sail and forestaysail - Watch employed in landing sails - repairing Bow Boat &c - at 10 A.M. kept ship off to the N.N.E. under easy sail. Nothing in sight all the A.M. water rather green - no jellies, Coadstools or anything else in the water indicating whales.
Lat 48.17 Long. 23.30

Tuesday May 11th Comes in with moderate breezes from the E. & S.W. with thick foggy weather. Ship steering by the wind to the S.S.E. under whole top sails - water blue but nothing in it - watch employed in repairing Bow Boat - putting up Davit for the land and other jobs about ship - Nothing in sight. Moderate winds all the P.M.
Lat 49 00 Long. 22.34

Wednesday May 12th First part light winds from the S.W. and somewhat foggy, being rather poor sailing - Ship in the morn steering to the S.S.E. by the wind - at 7 A.M. tacked to the W. - at 10 comes in with thick fog - put out the Bow Boat and painted her - water in the A.M. a little green - at 12 Blue and clear with nothing in it - We have seen no life here on the morning ground - not a Coadstool has yet been seen - no porpoises, Blackfish or birds - This morning picked up a tier of kerosene oil - 40 Gallons or thereabout.
Lat 38.24 Long. 21.34

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Thursday May 13th Comes in with moderate breezes from the S.W. and overcast with tolerable smooth sea at 6 A.M. raised by Green & Sperm Whales going N.E. quite slow - lowered all four Boats and gave chase. Starb. Boat struck first then Starb. Boat. Both large whales and got them both to the ship by 12 M. There were five whales and when one was struck the others remained near - and our boats could have undoubtedly struck another if we had wished. In the P.M. cut the bodies of the two whales - judging the whales will make us 240 bbls if we are fortunate enough to save all.
Lat 48.40 Long. 23.58

Friday May 14th All day fresh breezes from the N. and equally weather with fog, all hands cutting on flukes of the two whales, got one in and the other off and both carcasses adrift. Least mark of the case of one whale in cutting, the weather being rough. Started the works.
No Obs.

Saturday May 15th all day moderate breezes from the N. and cloudy weather - In the A.M. cut the Head of the whale, and found nearly all the case gone. Thus having lost on the two whales nearly all of the cases both jaws, both pairs of flukes and some blubber on each small, being altogether as near as we can determine 40 bbls. In the P.M. boiling Head. Some birds & porpoises and other indications of whales - Saw one Steamer bound to the N.E.
Lat 48.06 Long. 24.34

Sunday May 16th Comes in with moderate weather with the winds from the N. and somewhat strong. Ship by the wind to the N.W. all the A.M. in the P.M. to the E. under double reefed topsails - water Green. Saw porpoises and one or two pieces of fresh cut squid also one sail steering to the W. - Saw several birds and a ship's life buoy - Watch boiling.
Lat 48 14 Long. 25.15