

Barge Pacific Cruising In The

Friday July 2d all day fine pleasant weather with moderate breezes from N.W.W. in the A.M. and from W.N.W. in the P.M. - Ship by the wind on different tacks working to the windward - At 9 A.M. while on the port tack heading N.E. per compass raised two large Sperm Whales directly ahead going very quick to the windward - lowered two boats immediately and in a short time lowered another - chased with all three boats until 1 P.M. without getting near them saw them three times out of the boats - Water very green all the A.M. in the P.M. changing a little to blue saw from the boats two schools of small fish and two schools of porpoises Lat 48.30 Long 22.02

Saturday July 3d all day strong breezes from the S.W. and hazy weather being rather poor seeing - Ship by the wind to the W.W. under double reefed topsails and fore-sail - Watch employed in filling water in the after hatch for balance - put in about 90 bbls. - saw in the A.M. two humpbacks and one finback - One sail & one steamer steering to the E. - nothing more in sight all day - at night wore ship steering to the S.W. Lat 49 15 Long 23.20

Sunday July 4th comes in with moderate breezes from the W. and hazy weather, poor seeing - Ship by the wind to the S.S.W. with all prudent sail out - In the morning saw 10k lemm. Morris cutting a whale all the A.M. steering various courses but working to the E. with all prudent sail out - Water green & blue alternately - nothing more than porpoises in sight all the A.M. - caught one porpoise

Lat. 49.05 Long 23.55

Monday July 5th all day light airs and calm with thick fog - ship lying nearly motionless - Water blue & clear excepting scattered fallow drops &c - saw gam-puses and porpoises - heard the sound of a fog horn - Watch filling water for balance in fore & after hatches - put down about 700 bbls all together - Long 22 15

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Tuesday July 6th comes in with very light airs and calms with fog - ship lying nearly motionless - watch employed in breaking out for shoals and copper setting them up - Nothing in sight for two days - but sunfish, doust stools &c water blue with fallow drops & pillars Lat 48.58 No. Obs for Long.

Wednesday July 7th comes in with light airs from S.W. and quite clear weather - ship by the wind on opposite tacks working to the W. with all sail on - Water blue and green alternately. Some porpoises in sight caught one saw about a dozen sail all steering to the E. at 8 A.M. tacked ship to the N.W. at 4 1/2 came in foggy and the wind changing suddenly to the N.W. In the P.M. better seeing but overcast Lat. 48.57 Long. 21.45

Thursday July 8th comes in with moderate breezes from S.W. and hazy weather. Ship by the wind to the N.W. with all sail out - Water in the morn. rather green - at 10 1/2 raised Sperm Whales by Boat 4 large one going E per compass quite slow. Lowered all four boats and chased at 12 Leard. Boat struck took line - Bow Boat bent on, and took all large tub and part of small one. but soon killed him and got him to the ship by 1 P.M. at 3 P.M. hooked on and cut the body in - then hooked on to the head - cut it about one half off when we were obliged to give up cutting on account of the rough weather as it came on to blow heavy - but got the head square off and secured by hawsers the flukes and a very little blubber on the small hanging by the fluke chain - the chain however parted at 7 P.M. and we lost flukes & small - So ends in a gale all sail but main spencer & foretopmast staysail furled Lat. by local 48.55 Long by Obs. 22.10

signalled a Bremen Steamer, for Long - obtained 20 30
Friday July 9th comes in with a gale from S.W. and hauling to the N.W. with thick foggy & rainy weather - at 3 1/2 P.M. parted hawser from head then parted line after taking out one small tub and some on a large tub - Very heavy swell at 10 started the work - 48.34 21.46