

Barge Pacific Cruising In The

Sunday Aug. 29th Comes in with moderate breezes from the S.S.W. and quite fine weather. Ship cruising to the W. by the wind with all sail out. One sail a merchantman in sight steering to the W. N.W. at 10 spoke the French Bark Maria 21 days from Ladiz with salt for New Zealand. Sent letters by her. In the P.M. strong gales. Took in flight sails & double-reefed the topsails.
Lat 38.20 Long 33.10 W

Monday Aug. 30th Comes in with light winds from the S.W. and squally weather with heavy squalls of rain. Ship working to the W. N.W. with all prudent sail set. Nothing but two sail in sight steering to the E. Water blue & clear. Nothing in it but one Gull.
No Obs.

Tuesday Aug. 31st Comes in with strong breezes from the S.W. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the W. N.W. per compass with all prudent sail out. Water blue & clear. No indications of whales. At 4 wind changed more to the W. saw and spoke schooner Union, Long of N.B. 60 bbls sperm oil 2 mos. Reports had seen whales twice and taken two also reports vessel to the West doing little. Chas. of N. being 80 miles to the West of us.
Lat 39.16 Long 36.10

Wednesday Sept. 1st Comes in with moderate breezes from the W.S.W. and somewhat squally weather. Ship by the wind to the W. with all sail out cruising. Water blue & clear. No porpoises, birds or blackfish. Nothing indicating whales. We are now working toward the two 30's with the view of cruising there a short time and then working to the W. toward the Banks where we expect to spend the remainder of the season.
Lat 38.14 Long 33.56

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Thursday Sept. 2^d Comes in with moderate breezes from the S.W. and W. and rather squally weather. Ship by the wind working to the S.W. with all sail out. Rather poor seeing. Water blue and quite clear. Saw some small Portuguese Man of War some jellyfish & other indications of whales. At 9 spoke a whale bearing W.S.W. and apparently working to the S.W. with all sail out. Saw also one school of porpoises.
Lat 37.11 Long 36.10

Friday Sept. 3^d Comes in with light breezes from the N.W. and fine pleasant weather. Ship in the morning steering W. at 7 tacked ship to the N.E. at 9 A.M. spoke & jammed with Bk. Ohio Monmouth & for New Bedford with 350 bbls on board 1600 all told. 39 months out. Had taken two whales this season making 40 bbls. Reports Bk. John P. West Manchester with 400 bbls this season. Schooner Wm. A. Gray of Provincetown 400 do do and a number of other vessels but none had taken more than 100 bbls. On the whole ship had done poorly. The Draco Peaks of N.B. being in sight kept off and spoke her about 4 P.M. she had taken 80 bbls. at 7 P.M. spoke the Rosseau Almy of N.B. with 50 bbls 2 months out. The R. reports several vessels some of which had taken oil and some had none. The following vessels are reported. Sea Fox Hambleton 90 bbls. Spartan Chiff clean. Talpa Allen 100 bbls & gone home. Cohannet Fisher 40 bbls. Hadley Cleveland 1 large whale but lost the greater part saved 85 bbls. Catappa Anthony 110 bbls. Lionair Chiff 200 bbls. Sea Ranger Cornell clean. E.B. Phillips 40 bbls. Ohio 2 Smith clean. S.B. Hale Slocum clean. and several others I cannot remember at present. Compared Chas's with the Ohio's & Draco's and found them to vary but little. Ours being one mile to the west of the Ohio's and 6 miles West of the Draco's. Caught 17 albacore by Mr. Foster on board the Draco. There being plenty around that vessel and none around any of the others.
Lat 36.22 Long 36.42