

Bark Pacific Cruising in the South

Wednesday Dec, 29th all day light air from the N.E. and cloudy weather being rather poor seeing ship steering to the S.W. by W. with all sail out in the A.M. saw a large school of alginines & porpoises going quite quick to the N.W. nothing more in sight all day. Lat. 34.40 Long 47.37

Thursday, Dec, 30th comes in with moderate breezes from the E. with fine pleasant weather ship by the wind to the S. with all sail out - saw birds and some small Port. Man of war - ship steering to the S & W. in the P.M. Lat. 35.30 Long 50.40

Friday Dec, 31st comes in with strong breezes from N.E. and hazy weather with rain & fog. Ship steering S. per compass. water blue & clear with birds and small Portuguese Man of war. at 3 P.M. spoke Bk Bathabene Gofnald Willis of New Bedford - nothing this season - at 6 spoke Bk. beam Morris Mallow 2100 all told 160 this season - had seen whales three times

Saturday Jan, 1st 1876 comes in with moderate breezes from N.W. and hazy weather - ship in lee with C.M. & B.G. having a gun & steering to the S.E. with all present sail out - water blue & clear but a few birds or other indication of whales - in the P.M. spoke Bk Adeline Gibbs Snell 235 all told, 195 since leaving Azal - had seen nothing here Lat 38 28 Long 51 40

Sunday Jan, 2^d all day moderate breezes from the S.W. and fine pleasant weather ship by the wind to the S.W. with all sail out cruising - nothing indicating whales - 2 sail in sight - one we call the Bk Adeline Gibbs - water very clear all day Lat 38 27 Long 51 30

Atlantic Ocean in the year of 1876

Monday, Jan, 3^d comes in with light buffing winds from S & W. and fine pleasant weather - ship standing to the W. with all sail out - two sail in sight - at 10 A.M. came into Green water - when we tacked ship to the E. all the P.M. saw two humpbacks working to the south Lat. 38.29 Long 53.23

Tuesday Jan, 4th comes in with light buffing winds from the S and hazy weather - ship steering to the S. in Green water - at 8 kept ship E then E N.E. and at 1 P.M. got into blue water - saw a few birds, & some gellies - but nothing indicating whales - saw one large sunfish Lat. 39.36 Long 52.30

Wednesday Jan, 5th comes in with light buffing winds from all points of the compass & foggy weather - ship steering to the S & S.W. with all sail out - in the A.M. saw one sail to the S.E. - all the A.M. in Green water in the P.M. in blue - saw but a few birds - some Gannets Lat. 40.07 Long 51.20

Thursday Jan, 6th All day strong gales from S & W and clear weather - ship by the wind to the S.E. under double reefed topsails & courses - nothing but birds in sight in Green water all day - in the P.M. many slate colored birds around the ship - in the morning ship standing to the W.N.W. in the P.M. to the S.E. again Lat 40.36 Long 51.15

Friday Jan, 7th All day strong gales from the W and S.W. and quite clear weather - ship by the wind to the S & E & to W.N.W. with all present sail out - saw many finbacks & birds - water green all day Lat 40.08 Long 51.16

Saturday Jan, 8th comes in with gales from N.W. and clear weather - ship by the wind all day to the S.S.W. & W.S.W. under easy sail - plenty of finbacks & birds 20.00