

Barque Pacific Cruising in the South

Tuesday Jan. 18th all day light baffling winds from the N & E with thick smoky weather with some fog. Ship by the wind cruising on different tracks cruising for sperm whales. Nothing in sight but a few birds and one school of porpoises.
Lat 36.57 S Long 48.00 W

Wednesday Jan. 19th All day light baffling winds from the N & E and overcast with small rain and fog. Ship cruising to the W having stood to the E. all night. Water all day good blue. But nothing in it saw one school of sperm whale jumpers, but a very few birds. No porpoises or any other indications of whales.
Lat 36.44 S Long 48.20

Thursday Jan. 20th All day fine weather with light baffling winds from all parts, but mostly from the S & W. Ship by the wind, mostly working to the South. Nothing in sight but birds and one or two sunfish. Water blue and good for whales except early in the morning when it was rather green. At sunset wind S. - wore ship and took in sail for the night.
Lat 36.32 S Long 48.04 W

Friday Jan. 21st Came in with fresh breeze from the S and cloudy weather. Ship by the wind to the S. W. with all prudent sail out. at 6th A. M. raised sperm whales, by John Lawrence, going quite quick to the N. E., at 8th lowered all four boats and soon Mr. Boat Mr. Brownell struck a 60 bbl whale. then struck boat went in and struck a 90 bbl whale and then L. boat struck another, 80 or 90 bbl one. at 11 took the Bow Boat whale alongside and after starting for Mr. Foster came on squally and rainy, blowing heavy. Struck for Mr. Foster but was unable to bring up to him with the ship. but he ran his line which soon parted on account of the strong gale. We then started for the mate but he with Mr. Pope had left their whale and started for the ship on account of the heavy gale. the mate getting stove and no longer safe to remain by him. Towards night cut the body of the whale 37.14 49.30

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Saturday Jan. 22d Came in moderate breeze from the S W and hauling W. and quite fine weather ship lying too. at 5 A. M. commenced cutting head, at 9 had all in - made sail and stood to the S. in search of the dead whale - water all the A. M. green with some birds. One sail w whale in sight at 3 1/2 spoke her which proved to be the Bark Hope On Baker of New Bedford 2 mos. out with 25 Bbls sperm oil. at 3 we had arrived in quite blue water - stood to the south then E and finally to the N. E. all night lying to with main gear about boiling - saw one finback and a goodly number of birds - jammed with the Hope On until 9 P. M.
Lat. at 37 14 Long 49.34

Sunday Jan. 23d All day strong gales from the N. W. and mostly clear weather. Ship on different tracks but mostly to the W and S. W. in the A. M. with reefed topsails, in the P. M. lying too - blowing heavy. One Bark the Hope On in sight to the windward - water blue and clear all day with many birds around - nothing indicating either live or dead whales.
Lat 37 30 No Obs for long.

Monday Jan. 24th Came in with moderate breeze from the W. hauling Southward, and overcast looking much like rain. Ship in the A. M. steering N. W. with all prudent sail out. One sail in call the Hope On in sight - water blue and clear with some birds around - saw some sunfish in the A. M. - at 3 P. M. saw the Hope On. Lat 37.44 Long 49.30

Tuesday Jan. 25th Standing for the Hope On which proved to be the Andrew McKies Howland, nothing since leaving the W. F. - at 10 got down to the Hope On and found that she had just finished up both of our whales and were then lying alongside. We compromised the matter by the Hope On taking one whale, and we the other and all the craft lines &c. belonging to them. The whales were discovered within a quarter of a mile of each other - well blasted Lat 37.44 49.30