

Barque Pacific Cruising in the South

Tuesday Feb. 22^d all day strong gales from the N.W. and clear weather. Ship cruising to the N.E. with all prudent sail out. at 10 A.M. tacked ship to the W. being in very green water. saw some birds and one school of porpoises also saw just at night - Grampuses. at 3 P.M. entered blue water and continued in it the remainder of the day. Nothing more in sight.

Lat. 38.35 Long 50.10 W

Wednesday Feb. 23^d comes in with strong gales from N.W. and clear weather. Ship cruising with all prudent sail out to the W.S.W. nothing in sight all day - in blue water but no birds or other indications of whales. in the P.M. wind shifted to the W. tacked ship standing to the N.N.W.

Lat. 38.15 Long 51.43 W

Thursday Feb. 24th all day moderate gales from S.W. & S.E. with overcast weather being very poor seeing. Ship steering N.N.W. per compass with all prudent sail out cruising. water blue & green alternately with but a few birds. No other indications of whales.

Lat 37.05 Long 52.10

Friday Feb. 25th comes in with strong gales from N.E. and cloudy weather with light showers of rain. Ship by the wind to the N.N.W. under double reefed topsails. in the morning in quite green water with plenty of birds. saw one large school of fish at 12 blue water with no birds. at 2 P.M. were ship heading to the E. - no indications of whales.

Lat 36.00 Long 52.12 W

Saturday Feb. 26th comes in with light winds from N.E. with hazy weather. thick mist & weather poor seeing. Ship working to the S.E. with all sail out cruising. in the forenoon saw green water with many birds. several pieces of squid and three schools of Algerines at 12 M. water blue. experienced a strong E. current the last 24 hours.

Lat 36.10 Long 51.14

Atlantic Ocean in the year of 1876

Sunday Feb. 27th comes in with strong gales from E. & N.E. and rainy weather. Ship by the wind to the N.W. with all prudent sail out - double reefed topsails, jib and spanker and foresail. water rather green all day with but a very few birds around. at 11 A.M. took a heavy squall of wind and rain which split foresail before we could get it in. fueled all off but storm sails. in the P.M. mild and pleasant with the wind from the W. and S.W. made sail and kept ship S.E.

Lat by local. 36.10 Long 50.44

Monday Feb. 28th comes in with moderate breezes and fine weather from the S.W. ship steering N.W. under small sails all night. wind baffling to the S. to N. & W. again. kept ship S.W. for the lat 38 to cruise. One sail in sight a ship steering to the N.E. water green all day with but a few birds. have experienced a strong N.E. set for the last two days.

Lat 35.55 Long 51.10

Tuesday Feb. 29th comes in with light baffling winds from the N.N.W. and cloudy weather and poor seeing. Nothing in sight but birds and two sun fish & skipjack. Ship steering S.W. to W. with all sail out. saw just at night 2 large schools of porpoises.

Lat 36.20 Long 51.30

Wednesday March 1st comes in with moderate breezes from N.W. and clear weather. Ship steering S.W. with all sail out. plenty of birds & fish & two sunfish seen in the A.M. at 12 spoke Bk Janies Gifford nothing since we last saw her. pursued with her all the P.M. both ships working to the N. - water blue & clear.

Lat 37.41 Long 52.16 W

Thursday March 2^d all day moderate breezes from the N.W. & hazy weather. poor seeing. Ship working to the N. on opposite tacks with all sail out. nothing in sight all day.

Lat 37.19 Long 51.44 W