

Bark Pacific Cruising in the

Tuesday March 14th Came in with strong gales from the S.W. and clear weather. Ship steering N per compass under double reefed topsails. Water clear - no indications of whales. At 4 P.M. spoke Bk. Duca Teakes N.B. Nothing this season. Reported spoke Bk. Gamus this season also Reported Bk. Edseline Gibbs Snell nothing this season. Wave do Hope On 100 bbls. Lancer 250 bbls. Spartan 100 bbls. Sea Lincen 20 bbls. President 20 bbls. Ship had done poorly and there had been but one whale seen among the fleet for two months. Lat 28.57 Long 43.35

Wednesday March 15th Came in with fresh breezes from the S. and clear weather. Ship steering to the N.E. with all sail out but Gaff topsails. In the A.M. sent down Miz topmast for repairs as we found a short time ago it was rotten near the head in sending it down it broke and we spliced on a piece of Spar so as to make it go temporarily. Nothing in sight but a few birds. Water very clear. Lat 27.46 Long 41.40

Thursday March 16th Came in, and continued through the day with light breezes from the S.E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind to the N.E. with all sail out cruising. Nothing in sight but grampies. Lat 26.50 Long 40.54

Friday March 17th All day light airs & calms and overcast - poor seeing. One sail in sight. Ship steering N.E. - no indications of whales. Lat 24.48 Long 40.40

Saturday March 18th all day calms with a heavy swell from S.E. Ship just has steerage way by the swell. Steering N.E. per compass. One sail in sight. Sent a boat on board of her for news at 1 P.M. took a breeze just at night from S.E. Lat 24.30 Long 40.20

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Sunday March 19th All day light breezes from S. & S.E. and fine weather mostly. Ship steering N.E. by the compass with all sail out. main royal included. Having sent it up yesterday - water blue & clear - no indications of whales seen all day - saw albatrosses & struck two from the bows, but lost both. One sail & brig in sight steering to the N.E. Lat 23.50 Long 40.33 W

Monday March 20th Came in with moderate breezes from the S.W. and fine pleasant weather. Ship steering N.E. per compass with all sail out. Sent a jibbo and set it for a temporary foretopmast. Struck sail - two sail in sight one a brig that we saw yesterday and a stranger ahead in which we are gaining quite fast. For the last three days we have experienced a strong set to the W.S.W. to 40 miles as near as we can judge. Lat 23.10 Long 39.15

Tuesday March 21th Came in with moderate breezes and very baffling from the N. & N.E. with squalls of wind and showers of rain. Ship by the wind to the N.E. & E. & S.E. with all prudent sail out - 3 sail in sight. Sent a boat on board a French Brig - Amelia by name - at 12 M. 11 days from Rio Janeiro with coffee for Marseilles. Reports very light baffling winds. Saw a sail, a whale we call the Panus standing in from the S.E. tacked under our lee. At night winds quite steady from N.E. at 9 tacked to the N. Lat 21.00 Long 38.20 by day. Long. of Brig 36.23

Wednesday March 22^d Came in with fresh trades from N.E. and cloudy weather. Ship by the wind to the N.N.W. with all sail but main royal. Nothing in sight all day - water blue & clear. No birds or fish. Lat 20.30 Long 36.06