

Barque Pacific Cruising in the

Tuesday May 9 All day moderate trades from the E and fine weather. Ship steering N.W. with all sail out for the Charleston Ground. Nothing in sight but Gulf Weed.

Wednesday May 10th All day moderate breezes from S.E. & S. and overcast with small showers of rain. Ship steering W. by N. with all sail out. Nothing in sight but Gulf Weed. in large quantities.

Thursday May 11th All day fresh breezes from the N. & N.E. with cloudy weather and some small showers of rain; the shifted suddenly this morn. at 6 A.M. from S.W. to the N.W. All day strong breezes. Ship by the wind to the N.N.W. Saw some birds and much Gulf Weed.

Friday May 12th All day moderate breezes from the E. & fine weather. Ship by the wind to the N.N.W. with all sail but foretop. Gaff sail & main royal. A.S. L. sail on deck undergoing repairs. Dried and rubbed main royal. One sail in sight at 12 M. - call her a whale standing by the wind like ourselves. Saw quite a number of birds and much Gulf Weed - are now on the famous Charleston Ground. Saw one school of porpoises.

Saturday May 13th All day light airs from the E and calm. Ship in the A.M. by the wind to the N.W. with all sail out cruising. In the P.M. ship heading S.E. - Nothing but a few fish and Gulf Weed seen through the day. Water a little green but no indications of whales. No birds or porpoises - the ground being very dry.

Lat. 31.34 Long. 77.08 W

North Atlantic Ocean in the year 1876

Sunday May 14th Comes in with light winds from the E and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind on different tacks cruising with all sail out. Nothing indicating whales seen in all day. Some Gulf weed. Water blue with some jelly.

Lat. 31.46 Long. 76.46 W

Monday May 15th All day light winds from the E and fine clear weather. Ship in the A.M. cruising to the N. with all sail out. Two sail in sight. Both merchant men & steering to the N. - at 12 M. tacked ship to the S.E. Saw Blackfish and lowered and chased with all four both, soon W. Boat struck them B. Boat but both lost their fish. S. Boat went on and darted twice & S. Boat darted once all without success. This was a large school of Blackfish sawfish & porpoises going to the W. quite slow. In the P.M. steering to the N. & E. by the wind.

Lat. 31.50 Long. 76.25

Tuesday May 16th All day moderate breezes from the E and fine weather. Ship by the wind to the N. in the A.M. and in the P.M. to the S.W. Two sail in sight both to the N. - a great deal of Gulf weed in the A.M. with some small jellies. Water blue and clear. In the P.M. hazy weather looking like rain.

Lat. 32.15 Long. 75.50 W

Wednesday May 17th All day light winds from the E with fine weather. Ship by the wind to the S.S.E. with all sail out cruising. Nothing in sight but two schools of porpoises & Gulf weed. No indication of whales.

Lat. 32.04 Long. 74.48

Thursday May 18th All day moderate breezes from the E and fine weather. Ship by the wind cruising in the A.M. to the S. & E. in the P.M. to the N. & E. Nothing in sight all day indicating whales. Saw one sail in the A.M. bound to the N. In the P.M. saw a steamer bound E. - at night winds baffling.

Lat. 29.46 Long. 74.05 W