

Bark Pacific Cruising in the North

Wednesday June 7th All day fresh breeze from the S. S. W. with hazy weather - Ship steering E. by N. 4 N. per compass the being 1 1/2 points westerly variation - Nothing in sight all day but Gulf weed - water blue and clear
Lat. 37.23 Long. 53.00 W.

Thursday June 8th All day fresh breeze from the S. S. W. with some rain - Ship steering E. per compass - One sail w. three masted schooner in sight bound to the E. - at 4 P. M. the wind changed suddenly to the N. S. W. with plenty of rain - every appearance of stormy weather
By Cal. Lat 38.20 Long 54.20

Friday June 9th All the A. M. light baffling winds from all points and some heavy squalls & much rain - Ship working to the E. with all present sail out - in the A. M. split flying jib while hauling it down in a squall - soon after split very badly the footsail in another squall - Saw in the A. M. several water spouts but none came near us - 4 sail in sight all working to the E. - saw through the day 4 schools of porpoises - 1 do Blackfish & several schools of small fish with a number of Portuguese Man of war & Bright eyes & jellies - good indications for whales, about the first since leaving Bermuda - all day and at night a heavy bank lay in the western horizon
Lat 39.10 Long 52.00 W.

Saturday June 10th Comes in with light baffling air and calms - Ship working to the E. with all sail out - water repairing flying jib & doing other jobs about ship - 6 sail in sight all steering to the E. N. E. - in the P. M. took a light breeze from the S. E. - all day fine weather - saw 2 schools of porpoises and many albacore & small fish - water thick with animalcules
Lat 39.41 Long 51.12 W.

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Sunday June 11th All day light air from the E. & S. E. with fine pleasant weather - Ship steering E. by N. for Leam. Morris Ground - water little green in the P. M. but thick all day with animalcules & jellies with some small sandstools - saw but a few birds - several schools of porpoises & albacore & several finbacks - 8 sail in sight all day going to the E. - and bound W. - In the A. M. boarded a French Bark from St. Domingo with Log Wood & Coffee - 24 dogs bound to Havana - whose Long Liff from our 2.50 to the W. In P. M. signaled an Italian Bark whose Long agreed with our - at Sundown wind light from the E. - Lat at Wind 40.02 Long 49.34

Monday June 12th All day light baffling winds from the E. & N. E. & calms with fine weather mostly - 9 sail in sight all working to the E. - One whale standing to the N. - at 10 A. M. comes in foggy & remains until 1 P. M. - Ship on opposite tack working to the E. N. E. with all sail out - saw several finbacks and several flocks of birds, some fishing - saw several schools of fish and jellies and Gallow Drope in the water
Lat. Long 49.10 W.

Tuesday June 13th All day light baffling air E. N. E. and fine pleasant weather - Ship by the wind on various tack working to the N. E. with all sail out - several sail in sight - saw through the day several finbacks - Humphrey Sulphur Bottoms with plenty albacore in schools & small fish - Water Green & Blue alternately - indications for whales are good - have also seen several schools of porpoises
Lat 39.24 Long 48.37

Wednesday June 14th All day light air from the E. & S. E. & calm - Ship by the wind on various tack working to the N. E. with all sail out - several sail in sight - saw finbacks - several schools of porpoises & any amount of albacore & small fish - also Grampuses - at 2 P. M. spoke St. Mercury Gifford 3 years out with 1000 Sperm & 500 Whale oils - jammed until 10 P. M. being calm - Lat 39.24 Long 48.34