

Baque Pacific Cruising in the

Wednesday Sept. 13th All day strong gales from S.W. with a rough choppy sea - Ship in the morn under double reefed topsails to the N.W. - at 8 kept ship N per two hour, then came to the wind again - at 1 P.M. wore ship heading E. until 3 1/2 P.M. then came to the wind heading S. per compass - at 6 P.M. wind changed to N.W. N and N.N.E. with some small rain and thick weather. - Nothing in sight all day.

Lat. 38.31 Long 48.30 W

Thursday Sept. 14th Comes in with light breezes from N.E. and overcast but a smooth sea - Ship by the wind to the N.W. under easy sail at sunrise raised Sperm Whales 2 points on weather a bow going quick to the N.W. - made all sail and stood for them at 8 lowered two boats at 8 1/2 lowered the other two having come up near the whales. they having apparently become quiet. - Starb. Boat struck a calf which we hoisted in whole - The school starting off very quick to windward N.E. the boats following but unable to keep in sight of the whales but a very short time. The calf we judge about 5 bbls. - Saw during the day several schools of Blackfish and several Do porpoises, also several birds - Water blue with animalcules - saw several Turtle and some Dolphin

Lat 38.04 Long 45.18

Friday Sept. 15th All day fresh breezes from E. N.E. and overcast but otherwise a good whaling day. - Ship steering various courses, cruising but working to the W. - Two sail in sight - a strong current to the S.E. Lat 37.45 Long 45.15

Saw Sperm Whales
Dropt a calf to Starb. Boat

North Atlantic Ocean in the year of 1876

Saturday Sept. 16th Comes in with light winds from S.E. and fine pleasant weather - Ship steering various courses to the W. until 1 P.M. then to E. N.E. - Nothing in sight all day indicating whales - water blue and clear but little Gulf Weed - One sail in sight steering E. N.E. at 8 P.M. she passed us was 41 days from Barbados. with Rum & Sugar for London

Lat. 38.38 Long 47.00

Sunday Sept. 17th Comes in with strong breezes from N.W. and overcast with some rain - the wind having changed in the night from S.W. - all A.M. winds freshening - at 8 A.M. saw Blackfish - at 11 saw a large school of Sperm Whales going slow to the N. - Ship lying to under close reefed mainsails did not think of lowering our boats. but as the whale saw the ship they brought to galloped under her lee; with much danger we lowered two boats, S & S. with all four officers - 2 in each boat. - Starb. boat went on and boatsteerer danted, but against the whales head, Mr. Pope being in the S boat snapped his gun at the whale, having a good chance to kill him, but the gun would not go off, a moment afterward the boat was on to another whale fore and aft but boatsteerer not having an iron ready could do nothing. She soon pulled up to another whale but the boatsteerer starting before he was near enough the labor was all in vain. - Saw two more schools and lowered two boats each time without success. The weather very rough and all the whales going to windward. First school 40 bbl Bulb. The other two, cows and calves

Lat. 38.37 Long 45.15

Saw Three schools Sperm Whales
Lowered for each school without success