

Barque Pacific Cruising in the North

Monday Sept. 25th comes in with moderate breezes from W. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the N. & N.W. with all prudent sail out. watchmen employed in coopersing and stowing oil in fire hold between decks. Stowed 7 casks containing 31 bbls. altogether, 25 from last two whales. In the P.M. wind N.W. ship to the W. & S.W. with all sail out but F.S. & S. cruising. All A.M. water Green - part of P.M. Green and part blue entered blue - saw some rights of Gulf Weeds at sunset raised a school of Sperm Whales by Lewis Boatsteerer, brushing coming to windward very fast N.W. all night with sail on the ship working to windward.

Lat. 38.12 Long. 45.00

Tuesday Sept. 26th comes in with light breezes from S.E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship steering N.W. with all sail out. Saw sail in sight both steering N.W. - at 11 A.M. raised a school of Blackfish going quite quick to N.W. at 12 1/2 lowered all four Boats and chased Blackfish until 3. Took one to Barb's Boat. - at 4 raised a small Sperm Whale - Steinker - took him to the ship and cut him in - judge he will make 10 bbls. - Steering N.W. - find a strong S.E. current.

Lat. 38.08 Long. 45.00

Wednesday Sept. 27th comes in with fresh gales from S.W. and quite clear weather. Ship by the wind to W. N.W. under close reefed topsails. - at 7 A.M. signaled back bounding Billow - hauled aback fore gail but he would not run down - Boiled the Steinker & Blackfish - they turned up 12 bbls. Lat. 38.22 Long. 45.22

Picked up a Dead Whale
had been killed by a landowner.

saw Sperm Whales.

Atlantic Ocean in the year of 1876

Thursday Sept. 28th comes in with light air from S.W. and misty weather. Ship by the wind to the N. with all sail but F.S. & S. sails out. cruising. - Water in the morn. quite green and at Sun. of 69. at 8 Temp. 72. at 11 68. at 12 water quite blue with animalcules and jellies - One school porpoises seen in the A.M. - nothing more interesting whales. Lat. 39.27 Long. 45.27

Friday Sept. 29th All day a strong gale of wind from N.W. and clear weather. Ship by the wind to the N.N.E. & N.E. with lower main topsails main spencer and F.S. & M. Staysail. - Nothing in sight all day ship to Lat. 40.27 Long. 46.22

Saturday Sept. 30th All day light baffling wind from N. & N.E. and calm. Ship working to the W. N.W. with all sail out. - at 6 P.M. wind changed to S.E. - ship steering W.S.W. with all sail out looking like rain. Lat. 40.29 Long. 46.29

Sunday Monday Oct. 1st All day strong gales from N.W. and clear weather. Ship lying to heading N.N.E. until 9 A.M. then wore ship heading W. S.W. - in the P.M. somewhat moderate - set close reefed foretop sail - in the morn. saw a whale spout several times but could not make it out. - saw also through the glass several birds and one school of porpoises - Water Green all day. Lat. 40.25-47.42

Monday Oct. 2d Comes in with light breezes from the N.W. and hauling to W. & S.W. - Ship by the wind to S.W. until 10 A.M. then tacked to N.W. Water blue all day - in the A.M. saw a number of birds but none in the P.M. Lat. 39.06 Long. 47.50