

Barque Pacific Cruising in the North

Tuesday Oct 3d comes in with moderate breezes from S.W. and quite clear weather - Ship by the wind to the N.W. with all prudent sail out water blue and clear all day - at 11 A.M. wind changed suddenly to N.W. and then to N. and then died away calm with a heavy swell from W. in the P.M. steering to the N.E. until night wind changing gradually to the N.E. and E. at night kept ship to S and E. then in Lat. 40.00 Long. 47.55 Lat. at. Msd. 39.40 Long 48.22

Wednesday Oct. 4 comes in with strong gales from the S and overcast - Ship by the wind to the E. S. E. with all prudent sail out - at 8 A.M. hove to under lower maintopsail heading up S. E. - water green but no indications of whales - were ship twice through the day - just at night saw 1 blue just going S.W. Lat. 38.56 Long. 46.30

Thursday Oct. 5th all day strong gales from N.E. and overcast with squalls of rain all the A.M. in the P.M. clearing weather - saw 1 Blackfish early in the morn. - lowered our boat for them without success - in green water, Temp. 63 - made sail and stood S and W. - at 8 were ship to the E. - 4 sail in sight - cruising all day but saw nothing more - at 4 P.M. kept ship to the W. with all sail on Lat. 38.07 Long. 45.00

Friday Oct. 6th All day light baffling winds from N.E. & S.W. and calms - Ship working to the W. with all sail out - Water blue and clear with animalcules - One or two birds in sight and one sail in the morning Lat. 38.34 Long. 43.37

Atlantic Ocean in the year of 1876

Saturday Oct. 7th comes in with fresh breezes from S.W. and overcast - poor seeing - Ship by the wind to the N.W. with all prudent sail out at 12 M. raised a large lone Sperm Whale, by Antonio Boatsteerer, going quite quick to the N.E. - lowered all four boats for him, Remaining down 50 minutes he came up and Lark Boat went on and struck, But the whale proved very cunning, and would not allow a boat to come near him, the weather being rough the boat had a hard tussle with him and finally lost him at sunset by, by he sounding out the whole of the two lines, No other boat could get near enough to fasten. Several attempts were made. Her ran very bad indeed, and it was as much as ever the boat was kept afloat, by two men constantly bailing. This was an ugly whale and very smart. - 140 or 150 bbls - Two lines, two drugs and the boat, seemed to make no impression on him at all, and after casting them about for five hours and receiving seven bombs into his body, he went off of to windward at dusk as smart apparently as when first struck.

Lat. 39.07 Long. 46.01

Sunday Oct. 8th All day fresh breezes from S.W. and overcast - poor seeing - Ship cruising on face hour tacks to windward in hopes of falling in with the whale we struck yesterday - Water changeable and of Temp. 68 with some jellies - In the P.M. foggy and drizzling rain - at 3 P.M. wind changed to N.W. - Saw one school of porpoises and one Grampus through the day - No signs of the whale either alive or dead - we think he will die from the effects of the bombs fired into him

Lat 39.04 Long. 46.13 W.

Saw a large Sperm Whale
Struck him by Lark Boat - lost line