

Boat Daniel Webster Cruising, Nov

Saturday May 19th 1877

Come in with strong breezes from the S and S.W. and misty weather. Ship to the wind to the S and S.W. with all sail out cruising. Several sails in sight. Some to the N and some to the E. at 11^h raised steam. When at the main E. Teller seemed to be quite still when we first saw them but on the next rising found them going to windward quite fast. Made all the sail we could and tried to work up to them but found them working to windward much faster than we could. Saw them last about 11^h 40^m were to windward making about S.S.W. course by compass. at 11^h 42^m came in thick fog. at sunset took in sail for the night down to lower topsails. Lat. 48.40 long. 24.00

Sunday May 20th 1877

Come in with rain weather wind from S.S.E. Ship lying to under easy sail. One sail passed us to the W. at 10^h 10^m wind changed to S.W. Ship heading S.S.E. clear up with fine weather when we made all sail on the ship. In the P.M. one sail and steamer passed us both bound to the W. Lat. 48.25 N. long. 24.08 W.

Monday May 21st 1877

Come in with light air and foggy weather. Ship lying under easy sail. Nothing in sight but two sails bound to the W. Helot employed in getting sails again. Water blue and green all day. in the P.M. saw one sail from bottom going in to the N. saw some beer jellies in the water. Lat. 48.18 long. 23.44

Tuesday May 22d 1877

Come in with moderate breezes from S.E. and thick weather. Ship to the wind to the N.S.W. with all prudent sail set. Two sails in sight one steering to the E and one to the W. In the A.M. saw one finback and school of grampuses. water a little bluish in the A.M. but green in the P.M. Steaming N all the P.M. Lat. 48.02

Sperm Whales In the North Atlantic

Wednesday May 23d 1877

Come in with strong breezes from S.E. and thick rainy weather. Ship to the wind under easy sail cruising to the N.W. at 8 A.M. kept ship off to W. weather still thick and rainy. Saw one or two birds. at 11^h M. the wind changed suddenly to the N. with clearing weather. In the P.M. clear and pleasant. Saw one school of porpoises one do of black fish and one do of grampuses all bound into the E. water in the A.M. quite blue in the P.M. green. One steamer the France of Havre passed us at 1^h 42^m bound E. at night took in sail heading S.E. Lat. 47.36 long. 23.15 W.

Thursday May 24th 1877

Come in with light breeze from the S with fog & rain. Ship lying to under easy sail heading to E.S.E. thick but part the same water blue. Saw two schools of porpoises. No obs.

Friday May 25th 1877

Come in with light breeze from the S and hauling to S.W. with thick fog. Water green in the A.M. Ship lying to with nothing but lower topsails out heading to the E.S.E. at 10^h 40^m got lifts a little wind hauling to the W. In the P.M. water clear. Ship steering N.N.E. with main & all sails out. water some blue in the P.M. Saw porpoises and struck one but lost him. One sail in sight steering to the E. Lat. 48.29 long. 24.04 W.

Saturday May 26th 1877

Come in with strong breezes from the S with fog and rain. Ship to the wind under easy sail to the S.E. at 10^h 40^m wind hauled to W. with clearing weather made sail and kept ship off to the E.S.E. for compass. Water somewhat blue. nothing in sight but two or three birds. at 11^h came in foggy again with strong breezes from S.W. Took in sail and luffed the ship to the wind heading N.W. water very green. Lat. 48.30 long. by lat. 23.00