

Bark Daniel Webster of New Bedford

Wednesday June 6th 1877

All day strong gales from the N.W. and heavy weather. Ship to the wind to the N.W. with all prudent sail out. In the A.M. lower topsails & jib in the P.M. added mainsails & spanker at 6 P.M. in bark passed as bound to the N.W. by the wind on starboard under easy sail. Exchange of logs with her being 24.30. All day water changeable sometimes green. Several birds about ship today. Lat 33.31 Long 24.29 W.

Thursday June 7th 1877

Comes in with light air and calm with a heavy swell from the N.W. and overcast. Ship goes quite still with all sail out. On sail on still steering to the N.W. water green. Watch employed in looking out for water and bread. In the P.M. took a light breeze from the E. with a smooth sea. Ship steering N.W. with all sail out. Lat at Merid 34.12 Long 24.08 W.

Friday June 8th 1877

Comes in with fresh breezes from the N and N.E. with smooth weather. Ship steering N.W. with all sail but spanker out. Nothing in sight all day but porpoises. Water green all day. Some few birds. Lat at Merid 33.32 Long 28.04 W.

Saturday June 9th 1877

Comes in with strong gales from the N.W. and thick weather. Ship to the wind to the N.W. with all prudent sail out. From whale topsails and masts to lower topsails working for Greenland Right Whale Grounds. Saw the the day three schools of porpoises and quite a large number of birds. Water green all day.

Lat 36.20 S Long 31.40 W.

Sunday June 10th 1877

All day light air and calm. Air coming from all points of the compass. Nothing in sight but grasses and several schools of porpoises and a few birds. Water green all day. At 4 P.M. quite fine weather with a light breeze from the E. Steering N.W. with all sail out. No Obs.

Cruising for Sperm and Right Whales

Monday June 11th 1877

Comes in with light winds from the S. and fine weather. Took a breeze at 8 A.M. Ship steering N.W. with all sail out. Water rather green with many birds. Sail seem to be feeling at 10 overcast looking like rain. At 12 Saw a Steamer steering to the N.W. Saw no fin back in the A.M. In the P.M. foggy with green water. One school of cowfish seen in the P.M. at sunset blowing a gale from S with thick fog. Lat 36.31 N. No Long.

Tuesday June 12th 1877

Comes in with strong gales of wind from S.W. hauling to the N. Ship steering to the N.W. for compass with all prudent sail out. Nothing in sight all day but birds. Sea quite plenty. At 4 P.M. have to under Miz & Fore Staysails wind blowing heavy from the W. and a very high heavy swell on breaking headfull & times one bill of ore saw. Boarded the ship filling the decks full of water. All day water green but nothing in it. Lat 37.12 Merid 39.12 No Obs.

Wednesday June 13th 1877

All day a heavy gale of wind from N.W. (W. true) with squalls of wind and hail and rain. Ship going to head up N.W. under Miz. and Fore Staysails. And a heavy swell running all the time and breaking awfully by times. Ship making good weather. Laying nice, to be in but little water. Nothing in sight all day but a few birds. Water somewhat green but not so much as yesterday. Lat 39.34 Long 32.38 W.

Thursday June 14th 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S.W. and various weather with squalls of rain and fog. Ship to the wind heading N. and N. by W. moderating all day. all prudent sail on. Nothing but porpoises seen in all this day. Water green but nothing in it. During the gale yesterday the coal in the coal pen in the after hold shifted to leeward and today we notice quite a list to starboard. we shall trim the coal the first favorable opportunity. Lat 37.54 Long 32.10 W.