

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising For

Remarks Friday June 29th 1877

Commences with a fresh gale from the W (true) and squally weather. Ship steering S. per compass under top sails and courses. A heavy swell on coming in from N.W. water rather green all day. Saw gumpus. Lat. 46.40 N.

Saturday June 30th 1877

Comes in with a gale from W (true) and squally weather and overcast. Ship steering S. to W under top sails. At 8 A.M. saw a whale lunge about half a mile distant. Hauled aback and for over an hour but saw him no more. At 2 P.M. saw two sails one standing to the N.E. and the other to the wind to S.W. Saw several schools of porpoises through the day. Struck a porpoise in the P.M. but lost him. At sunset quite moderate. Set main topgall sail flying jib and spanker. Lat. 54.13 Long 29.00 W.

Monday July 1st 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from the N and fine weather. Ship steering S. S. W. per compass with all sails out for the North ground. Nothing in sight all day but one Gumpus. Water in the A.M. of a sandy green color, in the P.M. of a dark green color. Lat. 51.24 N. Long 27.45 W.

Tuesday July 2d 1877

Comes in with light airs and calm light airs from the N. and overcast. Ship steering S. S. W. with all sails out, watch employed in various duties about ship. Stowed the oil from the Right whale in the fore hold in two casks. Saw through the day several schools of Gumpus and also of porpoises. Water quite blue with some birds. At 8 P.M. lowered all four boats for practice. At sunset took in sail for the night. Lat. at merid 50.13 Long 27.13 W.

Wednesday July 3d 1877

Comes in with light airs and calm. Ship working to S. S. E. with all sails out. Saw plenty of porpoises and two Humpbacks. Lat. 49.31 Long 27.03 W.

Sperm Whales in the North Atlantic Ocean

Wednesday July 4th 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from the East fine pleasant weather. Ship to the wind to the S. plenty of porpoises in sight and several Humpbacks and two gumpus. Caught two porpoises. Saw three Steamers and several sailing vessels. Two Steamers bound W and the other to the N.E. at 11 A.M. spoke the Bark Ship N. P. Gardner of Portsmouth N.S. from 13 days from St. John's N.B. with Seal for Liverpool. Sent a boat on board and obtained a few news papers and news of the war in Europe. By Turkey Russia is also here which we find varied from their considerable and being 26.00 and the Steamer 27.27 W. Lat at merid 49.34 N.

Thursday July 5th 1877

Comes in with light breezes from E true and fine weather. Ship to the wind to the N.E. with all sail out cruising. Water blue in the A.M. but green in the P.M. Saw several schools of porpoises through the day, but a few birds. One saw fish and at 5 P.M. fell in with the first school of the season. Saw two sails both bound to the N. at 2 P.M. lashed ship to the S. Lat. 49.39 Long 23.40 W.

Friday July 6th 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes the S (true) and fine weather. Ship to the wind to the S. S. E. with all sail out cruising. At 8 A.M. raised a vessel making a whaler, whaling. Hauled by the wind to work up for her. Saw through the day several schools of porpoises and several Humpbacks and several sails and one Steamer. Water changeable but mostly green with some leaden. At 7 P.M. went on board the vessel we saw whaling in the morn which proved to be the Minerva, cutting a large Sperm Whale making five this season making 1100 bbls all told. Reports Corn, Morris with two whales. Took in sail at sunset for the night. Lat at merid 49.42

Long by Chron 24.33 W. by Lunar 25.31
Long by Minerva 21.20