

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising for

Saturday July 7th 1877

Comes in with fresh breezes from the S and overcast. Ship by the wind to the E. S. E. under easy sail. Sails and courses - cruising - at 8 P. M. the ship to the N. W. Water blue and green alternates. Saw in the A. M. one school of porpoises - Small fish one school of paperies and one finback. Also saw Minerva cutting. In the P. M. saw two Minerva backs. Water green - at dusk took in sail the weather growing bad and stormy.

Lat. 49.53 N Long. 24.05 W

Sunday July 8th 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from N. W. and weather - Ship by the wind to the S. with all sail. Cruising - saw through the day several schools of porpoises and Grampuses and several finbacks and Minerva as also some Sulphur Bottoms - much fog through the mid part - saw two ships two steering to the W. and one to the E. - Water green and blue alternately and quite thick with animalcula and small fish.

Lat. 50.08 N Long. 24.08 W

Monday July 9th 1877

Comes in with strong breezes from S. W. and overcast with fog and rain. Ship on various courses through the day. Sometimes on one tack then the other, then before the wind cruising until 3 P. M. when hove to under lower main topsails, fore and miz. S. topsails - gale increasing - saw through the day 1 school of Grampuses and one do of porpoises and two backs. Water blue and green alternately. Saw sail in the morning that had the appearance of being whaler. Saw also two or three merchantmen.

Lat 49.30 N Long. 25.00 W

Tuesday July 10th 1877

Comes in with strong breezes from N. W. and cloudy weather. Ship steering various courses through the day. Water changeable but mostly green - saw through the day two finbacks and several schools of porpoises - caught three - saw several birds some long tailed.

Lat. 49.35 N Long. 24.10 W

Sperm Whales in the North Atlantic

Wednesday July 11th 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from the W. and foggy weather. Ship on various courses, cruising with all prudent sail out. Water in the morning rather green but in the middle part blue and towards night green again. Ship greater part of the day standing to the S. S. W. but wore again to the N. at 4 P. M. In the noon saw two Minerva backs and several schools of porpoises and many long-tailed birds - at 3 P. M. passed the Bk Minerva under easy sail standing into the N.

Lat. at Merd 49.38 Long. 23.50

Thursday July 12th 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from the N. W. and foggy weather. Ship by the wind to the S. W. under easy sail - at 7 A. M. wore ship heading to the W. and made sail - topsails jib and sparker - wind inclining to the N. - Water blue with some birds and two schools of porpoises in the A. M. at 11 A. M. saw Bk Minerva on Port tack at 1 P. M. she wore to the S. at 2 P. M. we were heading of S. W. Nothing more in sight all day - Thick fog.

Lat 49.55 N Long.

Friday July 13th 1877

Comes in with strong breezes from N. W. and foggy weather. Ship by the wind to S. W. under small sail - Bk Minerva in sight to the leeward on same tack with ourselves - at 7 A. M. wore ship heading N. but wind soon hauled when wore back to N. W. S. W. set main topmast staysail jib & sparker. Water rather green - One school of porpoises and two finbacks in sight in the A. M. In the P. M. strong gales from N. W. with fog and rain.

Lat. 49.12 N Long.

Saturday July 14th 1877

Comes in with strong breezes from the N. W. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the W. S. W. with all prudent sail out. Water green - one finback and 2 Sunfish & 2 schools of porpoises in sight at 8 wore to the N. W. at 12 wore back again in P. M. a gale. Lat 49.20 23.50