

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising

Sunday July 15th 1877

Comes in with moderate breeze from the N.W. a rainy weather - ship by the wind to the S.W. with sail - at 7 A.M. were ship to the N. the wind having changed to the S.E. at 3 P.M. ship to N.W. with showers of rain - Two sails in sight - Bark & Sloop bound to the W. - at 8 P.M. the wind changed to N.E. with thick overcast weather - saw porpoise Finback and Grampuses No Obs.

Monday July 16th 1877

Comes in with light air from the W and calms with all prudent sail on to the S.W. cruising finbacks & Sulphur Bottoms. plenty of porpoises and fishes in sight - at 7 sent a boat on board a French brig for news and her home. She was ten days off Johns New-Foundland with fish for Bordeaux and Long 30 from Paris being 27.40 W from wreck - Crew at the time being 24.13 from London a Diff of 3.27 - at 12 a light breeze sprang up kept ship off to E.S. to. Water blue all day, in P.M. plenty of Woodstorks and the Sunfish and three Sulphur Bottoms - Three sails in sight so ends Lat. at Merid. 49.20 Long 22.11

Tuesday July 17th 1877

Comes in with moderate breeze from N. and haze weather with fog and rain - steered off to the E.W. under topsails and foresail - several sails in sight - at 10 A.M. sent a boat on board English Bark Maria of Boston 18 days from Liverpool with lumber for Liverpool Long of the No. was 24.30 crew at the same time being 22.51 varying from our 1.40 I am satisfied that our Chrons are in error The given rate for our Sea-wind is 1/2 gaining By applying this rate 1/2 as losing the whole time since leaving home our Long. will be 24.28 corresponding very nearly with the No. and the N.P. Gardner's spoken on the 4th inst. A lunar taken on the 6th gave the ship some 70 miles further E than either of my Chrons. Forlers Chron. gives the ship 22 farther E than Sea-wind Lat. 49.20 Chron. 22.35 W

How at my old watch by Sea-wind Chron. Both the same

For Sperm Whales in the North Atlantic

Wednesday July 18th 1877

Comes in with same gale from the S.W. and thick foggy weather - ship by the wind to the S.S.W. under easy sail - lower topsails - Thick fog and a heavy swell all day - water blue with some Woodstorks in the morning and at night - saw one sail and one Sulphur Bottom Lat. 48.49 No Obs. for Long.

Thursday July 19th 1877

Comes in with moderate breeze from the W with thick weather and overcast - ship by the wind to the S.W. with all prudent sail out - Water changeable blue and green alternately - saw through the day two schools of porpoises and five sunfish and at night fell in with Woodstorks as we have done for two nights previous. Also saw through the day about a Dy. feng finbacks and several sails at 2 P.M. sighted a Norwegian Bark whose long was 26.35 W and at about the same time an English Bark whose Long 22.04 - at night shortened sails; in good blue water Lat. 48.52 W Long by Chron 21.25 local 22.06

Friday July 20th 1877

Comes in with moderate breeze from the W. hauling to the S. - Ship standing to the E.W. with all sail out. at 8 A.M. were ship heading to the E. several sails in sight all but one steering to the E. at 10 A.M. spoke Bk Josephine Long 21.12 2 mos. 5 days out with 300 lbs sperm oil went on board with wife and boy for a gam. In comparing Chron's ours give us 100 miles further E than the Josephine am awfully perplexed in regard to our Chrons. at 2 P.M. broke up the gam and returned back on board the Dan. Webster On the P.M. both ships standing to the N.W. Water blue with quite a number of finbacks - some porpoises and sunfish with some Woodstork Lat 49.35

Long by lat. 22.30
Long by Chron 21.00
To Bk Josephine 22.35