

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising

Saturday July 21st 1877

Comes in with strong gales from the W and squally weather - ship to the W under all prudent sail. The porpoise in sight to the windward on same tack. At 8 A.M. were ship heading the W.S.W. on which course have been heading all day. Have seen several finbacks through the day. But only one school porpoise and one sunfish. Blowing strong all day with squalls of rain and fog. Some birds seen. One steamer and several sails.

Lat 49.59 Long by Cal. 22.20 by Chs. 21.10

Sunday July 22d 1877

Comes in with strong gales from N.W. and rough weather - ship by the wind to the W.S.W. under topsails and courses cruising. Water rather blue. No in sight all day but two or three finbacks. The schools of porpoises one sunfish and two sails steering to the W. and the other to the E. at 3 P.M. blowing strong - took in courses.

Lat 49.02 Long by Watch 21.20

Monday July 23d 1877

Comes in with strong gales from N.W. and squally weather - ship by the wind to the W.S.W. with all prudent sail but cruising. Water rather green. Nothing in it. At 6 A.M. were ship heading N. but soon were back again as the wind was heading to the N. and at 10 A.M. were back to the N.E. again and so heading to N.E. all the rest of the day. Saw at 4 P.M. quite a number of finbacks moving to the S. Saw through the day three sails moving to the W. and two others to the E. No porpoises.

Lat 48.12 Long by Watch 21.10

Tuesday July 24th 1877

Comes in with moderate breeze from N.W. and hazy weather - ship by the wind to the N.N.E. with all sail out cruising. Water blue. In the P.M. saw several finbacks 2 schools of porpoises and 2 sails signalled a German steamer bound W. whose long was 23.44. One by Watch, Chs. 21.37. Small by Cal. 21.20.

In the North Atlantic Ocean

Wednesday July 25th 1877

Comes in with a gale of wind from S.W. and a heavy sea running with fog and some small rain. Ship by the wind to the N.W. under lower topsails and storm staysails. In the P.M. more moderate wind W. with fog. Saw one sail and a steamer both bound W. at sundown calm, water rather green.

Lat 50.30 N. Long. 23.21 by Cal.

Thursday July 26th 1877

Comes in with strong gales from S.W. and thick foggy weather. Ship by the wind to the W.S.W. under small sail. Being thick fog all day - Nothing in sight but grampuses and a few birds. No ends. No Cls.

Friday July 27th 1877

All day thick fog with strong gales from S.W. Ship by the wind to the W.S.W. under easy sail. In the morning saw a sail standing to the W. by the wind. Saw through the day several schools of porpoises and two schools of grampuses. Water rather changeable from green to blue.

Lat 50.26 N. Long. 24.21 by Cal.

Saturday July 28th 1877

Comes in with moderate breeze from S.W. and thick fog with a heavy swell from W. ship by the wind to the W.S.W. under lower topsails and courses. At 8 A.M. a sail passed us to the leeward bound to the E. At 12 M. were ship to the S.E. the fog having lifted somewhat with breezes increasing and sun out. But by 2 P.M. the fog came in again and the wind dropped off - saw through the day three or four finbacks and finbacks. One sunfish, one shark and two schools of porpoises. Water blue and green alternately.

Lat 50.27 N. Long. 24.24 W

Sunday July 29th 1877

Comes in with moderate breeze from W. and overcast. Ship by the wind to the S. spoke and jammed with the Reindeer Baker. 6 weeks, 173 Cls. Sperm and porpoises. Nothing since last saw her - finbacks grampuses & porpoises seen today. Lat 50.17 Long 22.02