

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising in

Saturday Aug. 4th 1877

Comes in with strong gales from S. and clear weather. Ship under easy sail, all hands employed in stowing oil in the main hold. Stowed per guages 120 Bbls. and 15 Gallons. at 1 P.M. were ship heading S.E. with all press sail on the ship. Saw through the day several finbacks 2 schools of porpoises and one shark at dusk experienced a strong smell of tinned meat.

Lat. 51.00 N. Long. 23.23 W.

Sunday Aug. 5th 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from S. and quite a weather. Ship by the wind to the E.S.E. with all sail set. Water green all day. In the A.M. two or three finbacks and several schools of porpoises and two sails signalled a Norwegian Bark bound to the E. also a Danish Bark bound to the W. whose Long. was at 10 A.M. 21.46 W. Ours at the same time being 22.32. In the P.M. ship standing to the S.W. wind hauled gradually to the S.E. No indications of whales.

Lat. 50.41 Long. 22.33 W.

Monday Aug. 6th 1877

Comes in with a whiffy gale from N.W. and overcast ship lying to under easy sail to the N.E. under sail at 10 A.M. Coloring heavy. all sail in but storm staysails.

Lat. 50.26 No Long.

Tuesday Aug. 7th 1877

All day a gale of wind and rain from N.W. Ship lying to under storm staysails in the M. at 9 A.M. were ship heading to the W. and set lower main topsail and foretopmast staysail. In the P.M. set scotopsail and kept it set until 4 P.M. when coming in foggy took it in. Nothing in sight all day but one school of porpoises and a few birds. Water quite blue and clear in thick weather.

No Obs.

North Atlantic Ocean in 1877

Wednesday Aug. 8th 1877

Comes in with strong gales from the N.W. and stormy weather. Ship by the wind to the N.W. under easy sail, at 10 A.M. more moderate and by 12 had all sail on the ship wind hauling to the N. were ship heading N.E. saw through the day 2 sails, one steamer bound E. several finbacks and several schools of porpoises and one school of grampuses. Water blue all day, nothing in it at night calm.

Lat. 49.59 N. Long. 22.23 W.

Thursday Aug. 9th 1877

Comes in with moderate wind from the E. and overcast ship by the wind to the N.W. at 7 A.M. calm 2 sails and finbacks in sight at 8 calm at 10 wind springs up from N.W. Water blue all day saw through the day several sails working to the W. at night took in sail wind fresh from N.W.

Lat. 49.58 Long. 22.17 W.

Friday Aug. 10th 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from the W. and overcast ship by the wind to the S.S.W. with all sail out cruising plenty of finbacks seen through the day sometimes a dozen in sight at once, some porpoises and a few birds. At 7 A.M. were ship heading to the N. at 11 were again heading N.W. with all sail out. One sail in sight bound to the W. at 12 M. signalled a Mecklenburg steamer bound E. for Long. and obtained 22.36 W. Ours by Lat. being 22.00 W. In the P.M. water blue, no indications of whales at 4 overcast with some fog and rain ship heading to the N.W.

Lat. 50.33 N. Long. 22.00 W.

Saturday Aug. 11th 1877

Comes in with moderate gales from the S. and thick weather. Ship by the wind to the N.W. with but little sail out cruising. at 10 A.M. blowing strong with rain, thunder and lightning. Nothing in sight but jumpers and porpoises. Water green all day.

No Obs.