

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising in the North Atlantic Ocean

Wednesday Sept. 12th

Comes in with strong breeze from N.W. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the N.W. under lower topsails and courses at 1 A.M. took in the courses at 11 set them again. In the P.M. quite moderate set upper topsails jib and spanker, and hauled to the W. One sail and two schools of porpoises in sight in the P.M. at sunset set flying jib, maintop gallant sail and gaff topsail. Water blue with some Gulf Weed.

Lat 41.31 N Long. 36.00 W.

Thursday Sept. 13th

Comes in with moderate breezes from N.E. and fine weather. Ship steaming N.W. with all sail out. Nothing in sight all day. Water blue with plenty of jellies (squirrel spawners) and crustaceans. In the P.M. wind to the N. ship heading N. by compass. Lat 41.44 N Long. 38.38 W.

Friday Sept. 14th

Comes in with fresh breezes from S.W. and fine weather. Ship by the wind to the N.W. at 7 A.M. tacked to P.S.W. Water blue and clear. No indications of whales. In the P.M. ship standing to the N.W. with the wind S.W. Lat 40.28 Long. 38.30 W.

Saturday Sept. 15th

Comes in with a gale of wind from S.W. and showers of rain. In the night had heavy thunder and sharp vivid lightning. Ship lying too weak easy sail. At 4 P.M. the wind changed to N.W. with quite clearing weather set lower topsails. Ship heading to the N. at 7 P.M. got an Obs. of the Moon for Lat. which gave 41.08.

Sunday Sept. 16th

Comes in with squally weather from N.W. ship by the wind to the N.W. under topsails and courses. Nothing in sight but one sail. Water blue with some Gulf Weed.

Lat 40.45 Long 39.00 W.

Monday Sept. 17th

Comes in with heavy gales from N.W. and squalls of rain and hail and a heavy choppy sea. Ship by the wind to the N.E. at 7 A.M. wore ship heading N.W. under lower topsails. In the P.M. One sail in sight steering to the S.E. at 5 P.M. weather moderating, set the foresail.

Lat at Merd. 40.17 N.

Tuesday Sept. 18th

Comes in with strong gales from N.W. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the W. under lower topsails and courses. At 7 set upper topsails in the P.M. set maintopsails gaff sail and flying jib. Saw one steamer bound E. Nothing more in sight, no indications of whales.

Lat. 39.50 N Long 40.10 W.

Wednesday Sept. 19th

Comes in with fresh breezes from the W. and overcast. Ship by the wind to the N.W. with all prudent sail out. Watch in the A.M. and all hands in the P.M. employed in setting up backstay & topmast and topgall. Rigging. One sail in sight, bound E in the P.M. Water blue and clear all day. at night nearly calm.

Lat 39.50 N Long 41.20 W.

Thursday Sept. 20th

Comes in with thick rainy weather, ship steering N.W. with all sail out for the Banks. with the wind from E. Water very blue, nothing in it. At 2 P.M. wind changed to the W. with clearing weather. Saw a few birds. In the P.M. some jellies and Bait in the water. At sunset the wind changed suddenly to the N.E. with thick weather.

Lat. by Cal. 40.20 Long. 42.36 W.

Friday Sept. 21st

Comes in with moderate breezes from N.E. and cloudy weather. Ship steering N.W. by W. with all sail out. Nothing but one sail in sight all day. compass Sings. Press 46.12 Ours. 46.20. Lat 41.00