

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising in the Atlantic Ocean near the Banks of N. F.

Remarks on Board Saturday Sept. 29th

Comes in with fresh breezes from N. and fine weather the wind having changed from W. to N. at 9 o'clock at night. All the A.M. ship heading N.W. in the P.M. to the N. — Nothing in sight all day but 1 less and one sail steering to the W. At sunset shortened sail, ship heading N.W. Water clear and blue all day with scattering pieces of Gulf Weed. Lat. $39^{\circ} 11' N$ Long. $46^{\circ} 21'$

Sunday Sept 30th

Comes in with moderate breezes from S.W. and fine weather ship steering N.E. with all sail out. Water blue and clear with scattering Gulf Weed. Two sails in sight one steering to the E. the other to the W. At 12 M. saw sperm whales breaching, raised by Antonio Manillas, at the Mijgen going quick to turn windward. Made all sail on the ship and tried to head them off but could not they passing up across our bows not half a mile distant. With strong breeze from S.W. about half an hour after the whales had passed us a heavy squall of wind and rain came up which from the N. which obliged us to reduce sail after the squall had passed the came out strong from the N. and then we saw the whales again in to the S.W. On account of a rough sea the ship made but little progress, we then lowered three boats in chase of the whales but they soon run out of sight of the ship and boats. At dusk the boats all on board shortened sail heading N.W.W. Lat. $39^{\circ} 26' N$ Long. $46^{\circ} 49'$

Monday October 1st

Comes in with moderate breezes from N.W. E. and squally weather, ship by the wind to the N.W. with all prudent sail out. Nothing in sight all day. In the P.M. wind N.E. — Water blue and clear with no indications of whales — clear weather and good sailing

Lat $39^{\circ} 13' N$ Long. $46^{\circ} 58' W$

Tuesday Oct. 2d 1877

Comes in with light airs from S.E. and calms and fine weather, ship steering N.W.W. with all sail out, nothing in sight all day but Grampuses (saw two schools) and some Dolphins, caught three. Water blue with some Yellow Drops and animalcules. 2 sails in sight, One to the E. the other to the W. at 2 sent a boat on board the one to the W. with letters she was the Italian Bark Amor, 14 days from Cork in ballast for New York. By her our working Chron. is very near correct with the rate I gave it at the Azores. Our Long being at 12 M $47^{\circ} 42'$ and here $47^{\circ} 36'$ she being some 10 miles to the E. of us at the time. Lat $38^{\circ} 42' N$

Wednesday, Oct. 3d

Comes in with a calm and continues all through the day with the exception of now and then a cat's paw, sometimes from one direction and then from another. Two sails in sight the same as yesterday. Water blue with Yellow Drops and animalcules. Saw two schools of Grampuses.

Lat. $38^{\circ} 21'$ Long $47^{\circ} 42'$

Thursday, Oct. 4th

Comes in with light airs from S.E. and calms. Ship by the wind to the N.E. with all sail out several sails in sight through the day some going to the W. and others by the wind working to the E. in the P.M. saw two finbacks and jumpers. Took down the starboard boat from the beam and commenced repairing her. At sunset fresh breezes from E. S. E. — At dusk shortened sail for the night. Lat $38^{\circ} 48'$ No Long.

Friday Oct. 5th

Comes in with fresh breezes from S.E. and hazy weather. Ship through the night steering N. per compass. At 6 A.M. kept ship by the wind to E. S. E. under any sail. Saw two finbacks and several jumpers and several sails some steering W. and some working to the E. by the wind — employed in repairing boat and doing jobs about the ship.

Lat $38^{\circ} 39'$ $48'$ No Long.