

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising in the North Atlantic Ocean in 1877

Tuesday Oct. 23rd

Comes in with light winds and calms - Ship from the N.W. point of Fayal with a sail in sight the E. at 9 A.M. left the ship with a boat crew for the Port. arriving there about 2 P.M. lying at anchor were Bbs. Midas Osprey & Kalk. Last ship, Eliza Adams, & Schooner Lbrisa, a latter one from Provincetown all the others from New Bedford. Lying off and on Barks. Clam Jacob A. Howland and Com. Morris, the latter with 750 Bbs. this season.

Wednesday Oct. 24

Comes in with moderate breezes from S.W. and thick hazy weather. Ship in the passage off and on at Fayal. at 4 P.M. went on board with wife and Boy and kept off through the passage to the N. at 6 spoke the Com. Morris Capt. coming on board and remained until 9 P.M. then kept on down to the W. on N. side of Fayal in co. with E. M. for Flores and a cruise to the W. Obtained a chronometer at Fayal to be on trial until returned, if she runs satisfactory is to be bought for 140000.

Thursday Oct. 25

Comes in with cloudy weather with the wind from N.E. but changed to E. S.E. and round to S.W. ship steering to the N.W. by N. for Flores in co. with Com. Morris. Nothing in sight all day. Capt. of Com. Morris on board.

Friday Oct. 26th

Comes in with fresh breezes from S.W. and hazy rainy weather. Ship working to the W. in co. with Com. Morris. Saw or three sails in sight.

Saturday Oct. 27th

Comes in with light breezes from S.E. and cloudy weather. Ship steering N.W. in co. with E. M. One sail in sight steering N.E. at sundown in passage between Carro and Flores. Wind S.W. strong.

Sunday Oct. 28th

Comes in with strong gales from N.W. and stormy weather. Ship by the wind hove to under lower topsails & storm sails. at 7 A.M. took in topsails, soon after wind changed suddenly to N.W. then died away to nearly a calm and hauled gradually back to S.W. & freshened made sail and took it in as occasion required through the day. at night hove to under storm staysails head of W. N. W. Yesterday we unbent the sail used as a miz. staysail and bent it for (as it actually was) a main staysail, and bent an old miz. staysail at the Miz. Saw through the day 3 sails, all steering to the N.E. Water blue and clear with some birds. No Obs.

Monday Oct. 29th

Comes in with strong gales from S.W. and overcast with small showers of rain. Ship by the wind to the W. N. W. under easy sail. In the A.M. saw one Steamer bound to the N.E. - Nothing more in sight all day. Water blue and clear, saw some birds but no other indication of whales. Lat. 40.19 N. No Long.

Tuesday Oct. 30th

Comes in with strong gales from S.E. and cloudy weather. Ship by the wind to the S.E. W. with all prudent sail out cruising. Some birds & Gulf Wheel. Water blue. Watch employed in breaking out for shoos with the view of shipping home B.C. Nearly all the P.M. raining, just at night saw the land of Carro & Flores. Barro bearing S.E. & Flores S. per compass. Barro 20 miles Dist.

Wednesday Oct. 31st

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.W. and equally weather. Ship steering in for Sta Cruz Flores at 12 M. hauled aback of the port and at 1 P.M. went on shore for letters at 4 P.M. Bk Kate Webb arrived only 14 days from Boston - went on board for letters and found a person by the name of Wymen go as 4th mate of Bark Dan. Webster but cook sent to Fagun Grande for a rock.