

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising in

the North Atlantic Ocean in the Year 1878

Remarks On Board Thursday Feb. 7th

Comes in with fresh breezes from the E and hazy weather with the appearance of a blow - ship steering N. E. with all present sail out - in the A. M. quite green in the P. M. very blue with considerable Gulf Weed - In tide reefs matted - all day - saw two or three birds but no other life or other indications of whales

Lat. 30.16 Long. 77.40

Friday Feb. 8th

Comes in with strong gales from S. W. and squally weather - ship steering E per compass with nothing but Fore & Miz. staysails set - Water blue with some Gulf Weed - saw one sail in the A. M. steering E. N. E. and one in the P. M. steering N. E. In the P. M. a rough sea coming in from the S. - No indications of whales

At Dusk hove to, heading of S. Lat. 30.48 N Long 77.00 W

Saturday Feb. 9th

Comes in with moderate weather & wind from S. with fog & some rain - in the morning after making sail kept ship off to the E under topsails & courses, at 8 A. M. took in courses & foretopsails at 9 1/2 raised Sperm Whales by Boatswain's Launch - saw White Water - 10 1/4 lowered three boats and in 1/4 of an hour lowered the Starboard boat - Got a Whale by each boat - all small - will probably make 50 bbls - Got them all along side by 1 1/2 - Lat in two in the P. M. - Heard heavy thunder & sharp lightning & some smart showers of rain

Lat. by lub. 31.00 N. Long. do 76.00 W

Sunday Feb. 10th

Comes in with strong gales from W. S. W. and overcast at 6 1/2 hooked on to the whales and cut them in two - then started the works - ship lying all day under Fore and Miz. staysails - saw in the P. M. one sail steering to the N. E. - Nothing more in sight - Water Blue and clear

Lat. 30.58 N. Long. 76.08 W

Monday February 11th

Comes in with fresh Gales from N. W. by W. and cloudy weather - ship heading N. N. E. under fore and miz staysails - at 8 A. M. wore ship heading S. W. - saw several Schools of porpoises and one finback - some Gulf - continuous blowy all day & ship lying too.

Lat 31.38 N. Long 76.07 W

Tuesday February 12th

Comes in with fresh Gales from N. W. and hazy weather & overcast - ship by the wind to the W. S. W. under easy sail cruising - Water boiling - at 8 A. M. kept ship off per compass & set main topsail and miz. topsail - One sail in sight steering to the S. W. - In the P. M. saw several finbacks - Water blue & clear with but little Gulf Weed - finished boiling the whales turning up on deck 54 bbls - At sunset took in sail and luffed the ship to the wind S. E. the wind having hauled to the S. W. in the P. M.

Lat 31.29 N Long. 75.50 W

Wednesday February 13th

Comes in with light breezes from S. W. S. ship under easy sail to the E. - all hands employed in stowing oil in the after hold at 12 1/2 raised Sperm Whales - Mr. Wyman going slow to the N. lowered three boats and soon Starboard & Waist boat struck the back - got a tow & W Boat a calf - The Whales then started into the N. W. lowered Starboard Boat & chased a school. saw One large 100 bbl whale in the school - considered several 40 bbl Bulls tried to get on the large whale. but could not get very near him through the Starboard boat. then went on to a 40 bbl Bull and had him missed. In sail steering. had a first rate chance about 20 minutes after went on to a large cow and had him missed. after that the whales had got such a good run of the school that they could not get near although the whales would not go off.

This was a large school of Bulls cows & calves going slow to the N. when we raised them but afterwards hauled to N. W.

Lat. 31.04 Long 75.30 W