

# Bark Daniel Webster Cruising in the

Remarks on Board Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> 1878

All day strong gales from S. W. and rainy weather. Ship by the wind to the S. E. & E. hove to under lower maintop sail & storm staysails & main spencer. Nothing in sight all day. Water blue and clear. Lat. 40° 58' N. Long. 38° 40' W.

Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> 1878

All day strong gales from the N. and somewhat hazy weather. Ship steering E. of E. with all sail out. Saw one fishback, two schools of porpoises, one turtle and a shipfish. Water blue and clear. Nothing more in sight. Lat. 41° 13' N. Long. 37° 12' W.

Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1878

All day moderate breezes from N. W. and cloudy weather. Ship steering E. N. E. per compass for the Morris Ground. Water blue all day. In the A. M. saw one fishback and two or three birds & shipfish. In the P. M. saw a few gillies in the water. Lat. 41° 26' N. Long. 33° 45' W.

Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1878

All day light breezes from E. and S. E. and somewhat hazy weather. Ship in the morn. to the S. E. with all sail out. at 10 A. M. ship to the N. E. the wind hauling to S. E. In the P. M. changed topsails by sending aloft old ones and taking down the ones that were up. also sent down and repaired the foresail & bent it again. All day water of a good color and quite thick with shallow frogs and other animalcules. saw shipjack. Nothing more in sight. Lat. 41° 36' N. Long. 32° 24' W.

Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> 1878

All day strong gales from S. E. and hazy weather with some fog and rain. Ship steering N. E. and S. E. with all prudent sail out. In the A. M. saw one sail by the wind to S. W. In the P. M. saw a number of fishbacks & one school of porpoises. Lat. 43° 00' N. Long. 29° 00' W.

# North Atlantic Ocean in the year 1878

Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> 1878

All day moderate breezes from S. E. & S. W. and somewhat showery in the A. M. In the P. M. quite pleasant weather. Ship steering S. E. with all sail out. In the morning saw one sail steering to the N. W. W. saw through the day two fishbacks one turtle and shipfish. Water blue with some white. Lat. 44° 23' N. Long. 21° 00' W.

Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> 1878

Came in with moderate breezes from N. E. and cloudy weather looking like rain. Ship by the wind to the S. E. with all sail out. Saw in the morn. two headed grampuses. In the P. M. one sail to the S. E. under easy sail. at 10 A. M. were ship to the N. W. E. wind hauling to the E. & S. Nothing more in sight all day. Lat. 44° 36' N. Long. 20° 00' W.

Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 1878

Came in with strong breezes from S. E. and quite clear weather but a very heavy fog seen. Ship by the wind to the S. E. W. lying to under storm staysails. at 7 A. M. ship to N. E. and set maintop sail. In the A. M. clearing weather set foretop sail & foresail and made sails as the weather moderated. In the P. M. had whole topsails and courses on jib and spunk. Lat. 45° 28' N. Long. 20° 04' W.

Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> 1878

Came in with strong breezes from N. E. and hazy weather. Ship by the wind to the E. S. E. with topsails and courses set. Water rather green all day. Saw two fishbacks, one school of porpoises and several birds. saw through the day several sails, some bound to and some to the W. at 10 1/2 A. M. passed an English Brig named E. E. Vanhorn of Windsor N. S. bound E. exchanged long's with her, Curr. 29° 20' N. 29° 36' W. In the P. M. strong gales with rain and blue water. Lat. at Word 46° 25' N. Long. 27° 15' W.