

Barth Daniel Webster Cruising in the

Remarks on Board Monday April 29th 1878

Comes in with strong gales from N.W. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the E. under square sail. In the P.M. moderates when we make sea as occasion requires. At 12 M. had lower topsails, fore and spanker on. At 1 P.M. saw Sperm Whales, by Mr. Wyman, going slow to the N.W.

Made sails by setting upper topsails and worked for the whales. At 2 P.M. lowered three boats and soon after Mr. Wyman in bow boat struck

killed him and took him to the ship & fluked by 54. Got ready for cutting and set watch by 8 P.M. the weather being rather rough but blowing strong. Lat 43° 51' N. Long 28° 13' W.

Tuesday April 30th 1878

Comes in with moderate breezes from N.W. and squally weather with fog and small rain. At 4 A.M. all hands put hooked on to the whale and got all in by 11 A.M. call him about 80 bls. At 1 P.M. showed away head and set the watch, a boiling saw one sail in the P.M. Water green all day. Lat 43° 25' N. Long 27° 30' W.

Wednesday April May 1st 1878

Comes in with strong gales from N.W. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the N.W. under square sail boiling. In the A.M. saw two schools of porpoises and one finback and a few birds. Boiling water green all day. One sail in sight steering to the N.W. saw through the day three schools of porpoises caught a porpoise just at night. Lat 43° 34' N. Long 26° 36' W.

Thursday May 2nd 1878

Comes in with strong breezes from N.W. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the N.W. under square sail, boiling. The blubber being very poor. In the A.M. saw one Grampus and two or three birds. In the P.M. saw one sail steering to the E. all day a very heavy sea running from N.W. Water green all day. Lat 46° 06' N. Long 27° 47' W.

North Atlantic Ocean in the summer of 1878

Remarks on Board Friday May 3rd 1878

Comes in with moderate breezes from N.W. and quite clear weather but a heavy swell from N.W.W. Ship by the wind to the N.W. under easy sail. Nothing in sight. In the morning started for stowing oil in fore hold, on starboard side. At 12 M. got through 6 whales stowing down 63 bls in 6 casks also in uls of about 4 bls. In the P.M. made all sail and started N.E. by N. Water rather choppy. saw three schools of porpoises through the day. Lat 46° 41' N. Long 26° 21' W.

Saturday May 4th 1878

Comes in with a gale from the S. and thick hazy weather, poor sailing. Ship steering N.E. by N. per compass under easy sail. In the A.M. saw one finback and quite a number of birds. Gulls, Gannets, and Long tails. A heavy sea running from various directions. Wind shifted increasing. At 11 luffed to the wind heading N.W.W. hove to, and took in maintop sail leaving nothing out but four main staysails & main offence. At 1 P.M. took in forestaysails. Blowing heavy with rain. nothing in sight all day. Lat 48° 24' N. Long 25° 35' W.

Sunday May 5th 1878

Comes in with strong gales from N.W. and squally weather with a heavy swell running from N.W. Ship by the wind to the N.W. under lower topsails & foresail and staysails. At 7 A.M. took in the foresails & maintopmast staysail. At 8 the foretopsails and at 12 main do. the wind swell increasing. In the P.M. saw one sail bound to and a steamer bound W. saw two schools of porpoises and several birds. Water blue all day. Lat 49° 01' N. Long 25° 40' W.

Monday May 6th 1878

Comes in with a gale of wind from N.W. and squally weather. Ship steering E per compass under easy sail. saw one sail and two steamers. one finback. one school of porpoises and some birds. Signalled Steamer for help. Lat 24° 49' Long 24° 40' W. Lat 49° 19' N.