

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising on

Remarks On Board Tuesday May 7th 1878
Comes in with moderate breezes from the N. N. E. and squally weather ship by the wind to the E. N. E. under easy sail. at 10 A. M. wind hauled around to the S. E. with squalls of rain. In the P. M. wind hauling to the E. & N. E. saw several sails steering to the N. also one steamer steering the same. Saw one finback and one school of porpoises. Water of a dark blue & green. Saw some birds Long tailed ones. Lat. 49° 28' N. Long. 23° 50' W.

Wednesday May 8th 1878

Comes in with strong gales from the E. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the S. E. under easy sail. Saw one sail, three schools of porpoises and a finback. at 8 A. M. were ship heading to the N. N. E. at 10 A. M. raised Right Whales 3. by Lucail. lowered three boats, and soon Capt. Root, Mr. Pope, Strick and then Mr. Williams and Mr. Wyman struck. All the whales kept together and gave us much trouble as the weather was very rough for boats. Mr. Williams then broke and after a great deal of hard fighting Mr. Williams line parted, Mr. Pope's whale ran to the windward and Mr. Pope went off alone as none of the boats could make any progress in pulling to the windward, but he killed his whale and made an attempt to tow, but was obliged to abandon his whale as the ship was nearly out of sight to the leeward. He arrived on board at 5 P. M. Ship worked up until night in search of the whale. Call her (a cow the other being Bulls) 100 blks. at night took in sails and the view of making short tacks through the night. Capt. & Mast Boats got quite badly stove. Lat. 49° 23' N. Long. 23° 17' W.

Thursday May 9th 1878

Comes in with a gale from N. E. and heavy weather. Ship by the wind under easy sail in short tacks the view of holding up to find the whale we lost yesterday. Saw one sail a schooner steering to the N. also saw Grampuses and some birds. Water Green all day. Lat. 49° 00' N. Long. 23° 32' W.

Morris Ground in the Year of 1878

Remarks On Board Friday May 10th 1878
Comes in with strong gales from N. N. E. and thick weather. Ship by the wind all night going to on port tack. in the morn. made sail as the weather moderated. the S. M. had both courses jib & mainsails on, went to windward searching for the dead whale, but the weather is so bad, thick have had but little inspection in looking. Hope however we will have much better day tomorrow. In the A. M. in quite blue water and struck Green water about 12 M. while heading N. N. E. Tacked at 1 P. M. and struck Blue water again about 1. Saw quite a number of birds through the day, some long tailed ones and some Gannets, the first of the season. Lat. 48° 54' N. Long. 23° 21' W.

Saturday May 11th 1878

Comes in with a gale from the N. N. W. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the N. E. at 4 A. M. set whale topsails and courses. at 7 M. were ship heading N. Saw two finbacks. Water blue all day until just at night when we fell in with Green. saw two sunfish and many birds, mostly long tailed ones. No indications of the dead whale. at 7 P. M. hove to under main topsail and storm sails heading N. E. Lat. 48° 01' N. Long. 23° 09' W.

Sunday May 12th 1878

All day strong gales from N. N. W. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the N. in the A. M. at 11 left ship off to the E. & S. under lower topsails & courses. at 3 P. M. hauled by the wind to the N. N. E. Saw two sunfish and many birds of the long tailed sort. Water blue nearly all day. One sail steering to the N. Lat. 48° 34' N. Long. 23° 24' W.

Monday May 13th 1878

All day strong gales and squally weather from N. N. W. Ship by the wind to the N. N. E. under lower topsails & foresail. Saw in the A. M. two Humpback & some birds & schools of porpoises. Lat. 49° 16' N. Long. 23° 21' W.