

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising on

Remarks on Board May 27th 1878

Comes in with moderate breezes from N.W. and cloudy weather. Ship steering S.W. by compass with all sail out. at 8 P.M. White Water. several times run for it but saw no more. toward - saw a large flock of Gannets and a large school of porpoises and two finbacks. some Blue water but mostly Green throughout day. In the P.M. saw two schools of porpoises and two sails steering to the N. at night water thick and of a Dark Blue. with the Tropics and a plenty of Bugs on the surface. Lat. 48.16 N Long. 24.28 W

Tuesday May 28th 1878

Comes in with fresh gales from S.E. and thick weather some rain & fog. Ship steering S.W. with all prudent sail out cruising. Saw two or three sails. one school of porpoises and one finback. Water the greater part of the day was green but no life in it. In the P.M. steering N. per compass. At night took in sail and hove to heading N.E.

Lat. 47.29 N Long. 23.10 W

Wednesday May 29th 1878

Comes in with a gale of wind and rain from S.E. and a heavy sea running. Ship by the wind to the E.N.E. under easy sail. Nothing in sight all day. at 8 A.M. hefted ship off to the N. and run until 12 when luffed ship to the wind again. and rainy all day. at sunset quite moderate. Lat. 49.06 N Long.

Thursday May 30th 1878

Comes in with a gale from S.E. and thick foggy weather. Ship by the wind to the E. under easy sail. Saw in the P.M. one sail steering to the N. Water blue nearly all day. In the A.M. passed three Drift Sticks. Saw several birds and one shark.

Lat. by Cal. 49.25 Long. do. 24.14 W

The Morris Ground in the Summer of 1878

Friday May 31st 1878

Comes in with a gale of wind rain and fog from S.E. Ship by the wind to the E.N.E. under easy sail. Steamers only. at 8 A.M. wore ship to the S.E.W. the wind increasing. at 10 A.M. raised a sail on the bow close to. through the fog finding we were coming close together ran off to avoid collision. at 12 M. fog lifts and the sun came out clear. Water of a Dark Blue all day. Saw nothing but a few birds. Lat. 50.06 N Long. 23.10 W

Saturday June 1st 1878

Comes in with fresh breezes from S. and thick weather with fog and rain. Ship by the wind to the E.S.E. with all prudent sail out. cruising. Water quite blue. some birds and one school of porpoises in sight. at 8 P.M. raised a sail 2 points on the lee bow with boats down. whaling. made her out to be the Com. Morris. saw her take a whale alongside. also saw one whale. galled by E.M. lowered three boats for him but saw him no more. In the P.M. cruising on opposite tacks and running before the wind, cruising for whales.

Lat. 50.18 N Long. 24.20 W

Sunday June 2d 1878

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S. and foggy weather. Ship by the wind on different tacks cruising with all prudent sail out. Saw the Com. Morris cutting. also saw several merchantmen steering to the E. and one Steamer to the W. at 6 P.M. spoke Bk Chiswick Smith. nothing since but seeing her. Capt. S. & Wife honored us with a call. Saw a sail, a whale, to leeward on the port tack. Water Green and Blue alternately.

Lat. 50.42 N Long. 23.38 W

Monday June 3d 1878

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S. and hazy weather. Ship by the wind on different tacks cruising with all prudent sail out. several sails in sight. saw one whale. saw one finback. Spoke the Mariner at 5 P.M. 2 whales. Lat. 50.25 N Long. 23.56 W