

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising in

Remarks On Board Tuesday June 4th
Comes in with fresh breezes from S.W. and smoky weather but better seeing than for several days. Several sails in sight, among them 4 whales. Some steering one way and some another. In the A.M. worked to the E. & S. E. In the P.M. to the W. again. Water green nearly all day. Saw in the morning two sulphur Bottoms and one finback, 2 schools of porpoises, and birds but further indications of whales.
Lat 30.04 N. Long. 23.50 W.

Wednesday June 5th 1878

Comes in with fresh breezes from S. E. and quite clear weather but somewhat smoky horizon, making rather poor seeing. Several sails in sight. 2 whales. Water green all day. In the A.M. cruising to the E. under all sail, in the P.M. working to the W. - jammed with the Bks Ohio & Clarice. Capt. Smith & Wife & Capt. Marchant coming on board of us. - At sunset broke up the jam.
Lat. 30.04 N. Long. 23.56 W.

Thursday June 6th 1878

Comes in with fresh breezes from S.W. and smoky weather, but quite clear overhead. Ship by the wind to the S. E. with all sail out cruising. Bks, Ohio & Clarice in sight, about 8 observed the Clarice maneuvering - tacked ship and stood for her, about 9 raised Sperm Whales. - lowered three boats, and soon after Mr. Williams and an attempt to go on, but made a blunder in going across the whales head, discovering the boat the boatswain darting but was not able to reach the whale. Mr. Williams had a good chance to go on to the whale properly. The whales started off sharp on the wind, all boats chasing - at 1 1/4 lowered the boats again and at 4 Mr. Pope struck a large ugly fellow, getting slightly stove, got off with three boats, but the whale was very cunning and showed no chance for his life - worked on him until dark and then cut off, and come aboard the whale going quick to windward 49 3/4.

the North Atlantic Ocean in 1878

Friday June 7th 1878

Comes in with quite fresh breezes from the S. and squally weather. Ship cruising by the wind with all sail out on opposite tacks - several finbacks & Humpbacks & three schools of porpoises seen through the day, also one blunfish. Water rather greenish. Lat. 48.57 N. Long. 22.40 W.

Saturday June 8th 1878

Comes in with fresh breezes from N.W. and hazy weather. Ship by the wind cruising on different tacks. Saw several finbacks through the day and some birds. Water green and blue alternately. In the P.M. saw three whales, one under easy sail. Saw some jellies Sallow Drops & Port Man of war.
Lat. 49.04 N. Long. 23.08 W.

Sunday June 9th 1878

Comes in with fresh breezes from the W. and quite good weather. Ship by the wind cruising with all sail out on different tacks. Saw several sails, one whale & one steamer whom we signalled for Long, and received 22.39 ours 22.30 & Bk Lagoda 23.02. Saw in the A.M. a bark boiling. In the P.M. spoke her, she proved to be the Bk Lagoda Lewis 6 mos. 250 bbls sperm oil, boiling a 120 bbl whale - jammed with her. Capt Lewis & Wife coming on board and remaining until sunset. Saw finbacks & porpoises. Caught 2 of the latter, and yesterday we caught two also. Lat. 48.52 N. Long. 22.30 W.

Monday June 10th 1878

All day quite good weather. Ship cruising on different tacks cruising with all sail out. Saw several sails and several finbacks and schools of porpoises, several sails and two steamers in sight and three whales. Water green but quite thick and good. In the P.M. spoke the Ohio - nothing since last saw her - in the P.M. steering to the E. with all prudent sails out. Lat 49.04 N Long 22.40 W.