

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising in the

South Atlantic Ocean in the year 1879

Remarks on Board Sunday March 16th

Comes in with strong breezes from E. and S. and smoky weather. Ship on different tacks through the day.

Water quite blue. Saw several finbacks and birds. Nothing seen in sight. Soundings 65 fathoms. Lat. 42° 08' S.

Monday, March 17th 1879

Comes in with light air from the N. and calm with thick weather foggy. Had rain from three o'clock until 6 A.M. At 8 took a light breeze from S. W. and kept the ship on S. W. per compass.

In the P.M. in green water. Saw plenty of finbacks. At night took in sail and hove to. Lat. 41° 29' N. Long 57° 20' W. Soundings 68 fathoms.

Tuesday, March 18th 1879

Comes in with moderate breezes from S. and fair weather. Ship steering E. 1/2 N. per compass with all prudent sail out. In the A.M. saw plenty of finbacks. In the P.M. saw plenty of albacore in schools and birds. All day in green water. Soundings in the noon 90 fathoms at night 65 do. Lat. 40° 26' N.

Wednesday March 19th 1879

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S. and hazy weather. Ship by the wind to the E. 1/2 N. with all prudent sail out. Cruising. Water quite green and thick. In the P.M. plenty of birds and some sticks on the water. Saw a steamer bound South. Soundings in the noon 85 fathoms. At night 50 fathoms. Lat. 36° 46' N.

Thursday March 20th

Comes in with moderate breezes from E. 1/2 N. and hazy weather. Ship by the wind to the E. 1/2 N. all the A.M. In the P.M. to the E. with light air. Water of a light green all day. Nothing in sight all day but a very few birds. Soundings in the noon 80. In the P.M. 4. Lat. 38° 54' N. Long 53° 56' W.

Remarks on Board Friday March 21st

Comes in with light winds from E. 1/2 E. and calms. Ship steering S. E. after making sail in the morn. at 8 P.M. sets in foggy and calm and remains all day. At night light breeze from E. 1/2 E. Soundings 95. Lat. 36° 03' N.

Saturday March 22nd

Comes in with light air from all points of the compass and calm and thick fog. Ship working to the E. S. E. cruising with all prudent sail out. Saw in the A.M. a sail steering to the S. W. Water Dark Blue and but a few birds. Lat. 36° 03' N. Soundings

Sunday March 23rd 1879

Comes in with strong breezes from E. 1/2 E. and hazy weather. Ship by the E. S. E. with all prudent sail out. Cruising. Nothing in sight all day but a few birds. Water Green and Blue. Long 53° 34' W. Lat. 36° 03' N.

Monday March 24th 1879

Comes in with a gale of wind and rain from E. 1/2 E. rain commencing about 3 P.M. Ship by the wind hove to under storm sails. At 9 were ship heading to the W. 1/2 N. at 11 P.M. she hauled to the E. 1/2 N. by the S. and moderate. Ship at sunset under lower topsails and storm sails. Lat. 36° 03' N.

Tuesday March 25th

Comes in with a gale from S. W. and cloudy weather. Ship steering E. 1/2 E. by E. 1/2 with Upper Main topsail on. Cruising. Saw nothing all day but birds and a few hongs. Water Blue all the A.M. and some green in the P.M. Lat. 41° 15' S. Long 53° 00' W.

Wednesday March 26th 1879

Comes in with a gale from S. and rainy weather. Ship by the wind all day lying to. Nothing in sight but a few birds. Water blue. In the night saw a school of small fish. Lat. 40° 54' N. Long 53° 56' W.