

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising in the South Atlantic Ocean in 1879

Remarks on Board Monday April 14th
Comes in with strong breezes from N.W. and
hazy weather. Ship steering S.E. with all
prudent sail out cruising. At 8 A.M. saw
a sail to the S. under easy sail. At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
saw a Right Whale - lower x half. Lowered
three boats and chased without success. Lost
the run of the whale through rough weather.

The sail in sight we call the Arnolda
and is boiling. In the P.M. ship by the
wind to the N.W. under easy sail. At 3 P.M.
saw a whale turn flukes
2 points on the lee bow. stood for it but
saw no more.

Lat 45° 09' S. Soundings 65 fathoms

Tuesday April 15th 1879

Comes in with strong breezes from S.W. and
hazy weather. Ship by the wind to the S.
at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ raised a Right Whale by Mr. Rip-
ington at 8 lowered three boats and soon
after struck by Mr. Ripington. Got the
whale alongside and made ready for cutting
by 12 M. At 1 P.M. hooked on and
the whale all in by dusk. Judge he will
make about 100 Blbs. Two sails in sight
the Arnolda and a stranger.

Lat. by Lat. 45° 00' Long. 62° 11' W.

Wednesday April 16th 1879

Comes in with moderate breezes from the
ship under easy sail, boiling. At 7 saw
a whale going to windward quite fast.
Lowered three boats and chased without
success. At 12 lowered the three boats
again for other whales. Wait on Starboard
boat, Mr. Pope soon struck, killed the
and took him to the ship at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hooked
on to the whale and took his head. and
let body remain alongside for the night.
Boiling all day slowly.

Lat 44° 40' S. Long. 61° 24' W.

Remarks on Board Thursday April 17th

Comes in with strong gales from N.W. and hazy weather.
a ship lying by the whale about 3 A.M. the fluke
chain parted. called all hands and put on another
in the morning. put on another too rough for cut-
ting - very rough all day but continued boiling.
One sail - we call the Josephine in sight - at
4 P.M. hooked on to the whale and cut him
in. At 5 spoke the J. Capt. Long came on
board and remained about 2 hours re reports
4 whales the season. No Obs.

Friday April 18th

Comes in with moderate breezes from S.E.
and fine weather. Ship by the wind with
all prudent sail out cruising and boiling.
Bk. Josephine in sight. In the P.M. she
started her work. We stowed about 70 Blbs.
in the fore hold - just at night saw a whale
we judged it a Right whale.

Lat. 45° 07' S. Long. 61° 15' W.

Saturday April 19th

Comes in with moderate breezes from S.W. and
squally weather. Ship by the wind with all pru-
dent sail out boiling. In the A.M. squally with
strong gales - all hand staving oil in fore
hold, put down about 90 Blbs. One sail the
Josephine in sight in the morning. Nothing in-
dicating whales in sight all the day. No Obs.

Sunday April 20th

Comes in with light breezes from the S. and
fine weather. Ship cruising with all prudent
sail out. At 8 A.M. raised a Right whale
working slowly to the W. Lowered three boats
at 9 and chased until nearly sundown without
success the whale being very shy and irregular
and the weather nearly calm. The boats got
nearly on several times and no doubt would have
struck with a breeze.

Lat 44° 26' S. Long. 61° 21' W.

Soundings 62 fathoms