

Bark Daniel Webster Bound for St.

Remarks on Board Thursday June 26th

Comes in with moderate breezes from S.E. and fine weather ship steering N.E. with all sails out. Water green with many birds around with other indications of whales. Watch scraping Bone &c.

Lat. 35° 24' soundings 83 fathoms at 11 P.M.

Friday June 27th

Comes in with moderate breezes from S.W. and east weather, ship steering N.E. by N. for St. Catharines for water. Saw several vessels bound N. to the P. and two to the S.W. Watch washing Bone and other work about the ship. Water green and many birds around the ship, good indications for whales.

Lat. 34° 16' S. soundings 70 fathoms

Saturday June 28th

Comes in with moderate breezes from N.W. and pleasant weather. Ship by the wind to the N.E. with all sail out. Water blue with some tide rips, a few birds. Employed in setting casks for water and drying Bone &c. One sail in sight bound to the S.W.

Lat. 33° 11' S. Long 50° 08' W.

Sunday June 29th

Comes in with breezes from the N. and clear weather. Ship by the wind to the E.N.E. with all sails out, cruising and working up for St. Catharines. In the A.M. saw three Delphinus Baltinus and a whale that acted like a sperm whale going quick to windward. Saw him but two rising. At 10 we shifted to the N.W. strong breezes. Took in light sails.

Lat. 32° 37' S.

Monday June 30th

All day strong gales from N. with cloudy weather. Ship by the wind on different tacks working up for St. Catharines. Saw one sail steering to the S.W. also saw through the day several finbacks and a few birds. Water blue and clear. At 6 P.M. wind to the

Lat. 32° 31' S. Long 50° 24' W.

Catharins From Coast of Patagonia in 1879

Remarks on Board Monday July 1st

Comes in with strong gales from the N. and a rough sea. Ship by the wind on opposite tacks working up to the N. with all prudent sails out. Saw two or three finbacks and one sail. In the P.M. wind from the S and cloudy weather. Steering N.E. by E. with all sails out. Saw one sail steering to the South East.

Lat. 31° 16' S. Long 49° 24' W.

Wednesday July 2nd 1879

Comes in with moderate breezes from the E and quite clear in the A.M. In the P.M. cloudy, looking like rain. Water green all day. Saw a few birds but nothing new in sight. At 6 P.M. soundings in 65 fathoms of water. Judge ourselves at 6 P.M. 35 miles from the nearest main land and 45 miles from the southern point of St. Catharines Island.

Lat. 28° 52' S. Long 48° 35' W.

Thursday July 3rd

Comes in with light airs from the E and fine weather. Ship steering N. with all sail out. At 10 A.M. saw land ahead looking like an island. At 12 several islands in sight also saw the main land but found we far to the N. of St. Catharines. Therefore hauled up S.S.W. and at 4 P.M. made out the Island Avareda and St. Catharines ahead, but the winds being light made but little progress. All night nearly calm ship abreast to the E. of the Isle of Avareda.

Lat. 27° 00' soundings 34 fathoms

Friday July 4th 1879

Comes in with light airs and calms. At 8 A.M. kept ship off for the passage between the Isles of St. Catharines and Avareda but light airs and head tide made but little progress. Set in by the current close to Rapa point, so that at 1 P.M. set all four boats on ahead towing. Got clear of the point and stood up the Bay. At 4 P.M. came to anchor in 5 fathoms water off Fort Santa Cruz. Custom House officer and an officer from the Fort came on board.