

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising

Remarks on Board Monday July 21st

All day light winds and calms with a swell from S.W. Ship by the wind to the N. with all sail out but maintop sail which is on deck in the A.M. endeavoring to repair in the P.M. bent and set the maintop sail at 5 P.M. took a light breeze from N. kept ship S.W. per compass. Nothing in sight all day but two or three finbacks and a few birds. In the morn in green water but at noon the water was quite blue and towards night began to get green again. Lat. 32° 39' S. Long 50° 30' W.

Tuesday July 22nd 1879

Came in with moderate breezes from S.W. and hauling to the N. with fine weather. Ship steering S.W. by S. all the A.M. In the P.M. steering S.W. The wind towards night ed to the N. but in the P.M. hauled back to S.W. Saw in the A.M. two Humpbacks working quite quick to the S.W. Also saw steamer steering S.W. Watch employed in changing sails &c. Lat. 33° 39' S. Long 52° 10' W.

Wednesday July 23rd 1879

Came in with moderate breezes from the W. and hazy weather. Ship by the wind to the S.S.W. in the A.M. In the P.M. wind to the S.W. Ship heading S.S.E. at night were heading to the N. and took in sail. Saw a large number of birds through the day and several sharks. Water in the A.M. Green. In the P.M. rather Blue and clear. Saw one piece of Squid. Lat. 33° 04' S. Long 52° 33' W.

Thursday July 24th

Came in with strong breezes from S.W. fine weather. Ship standing to the N. all day and S.E. all day. Nothing in sight but a sail. Plenty of birds. Lat. 33° 13' S. Long 52° 31' W.

off River La Platte in the year 1879

Remarks on Board Friday July 25th

Came in with strong breezes from S.W. and quite clear weather. Ship by the wind to the S.S.E. with all prudent sail out. Cruising. Water Blue all day. Sounded in the morning but got no bottom. Quite strong tide rips. Judge we are off the Banks. Saw several sunfish and some pieces of squid. Also saw some birds. Nothing more in sight but one finback. In the P.M. ship standing to the N. at night shortened sail. Lat. 36° 11' S.

Saturday July 26th

Came in with light airs from S.W. and calms. Ship working to the S.W. with all prudent sail out. At 11 A.M. a light breeze sprung up from the S.W. A heavy swell from the S. all day. Steering W.S.W. in the P.M. saw one sail steering to the S.W. saw porpoises and birds. Lat. 36° 39' S.

Sunday July 27th

Came in with moderate breezes from S.W. and quite clear overhead but somewhat smoky horizon being from seeing. Ship by the wind to the S.W. In the P.M. tacked to the N. for a couple of hours when tacked to the S. again. Nothing in sight all day but birds. Lat. 37° 24' S. Long 33° 00' W.

Monday July 28th 1879

All day first breezes from the N. and quite clear weather. Ship by the wind to the S.S.W. with all sail out. In the morning saw two Humpbacks quite still. Made ready for lowering for them but the whales started off before we could get the boats down. Lat. 37° 33' S.

Tuesday July 29th

Came in with light winds and calms and continues through the day. Saw two finbacks and one school of porpoises and several birds. Lat. 37° 49' S. Long 34° 23' W.