

Bark Daniel Webster Cruising, in

Remarks on Board Thursday Aug 28th

Came in with light winds from S. E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship steering S. E. for compass with all sail out. In the morning saw several Humpbacks going to the S. quite quiet at 11 A.M. saw several others apparently still at 8 A.M. lowered for them, but could not strike although chased most all day saw several game and went on several times but the whales were very wild and would not allow a boat to approach enough to fasten. Saw through the day as many as one hundred whales. They were breaching in all directions sometimes could see a dozen breaches at once. In the P.M. came in thick and squally with rain and at night it was blowing a gale from S. E. - Weathered sail and set Boat lower that this.

Lat 19.16 S.

Friday Aug 29th

Came in with a strong gale from S. E. and a heavy sea running. Ship by the wind to the S. E. with all prudent sail out cruising. Saw in the A.M. several Humpbacks but being rough did not lower for them. No indications of sperm. Saw a boat with two sails up steering to S and N. run for her awhile but as she did not appear to want assistance hauled the wind again. Saw also in the P.M. two sails steering by the wind to the S.

Came a brig came near enough to read her name. It was the *Aprolo*. Water in the P.M. blue but no life or indications of Whales. Bright Long 38.10 S.

Lat 18.35 S. Long 38.45 W.

Saturday Aug 30th

Came in with strong trades from S. E. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the S. E. with all prudent sail out. In the A.M. saw several run for them and found Humpbacks but struck and hauled. Lat 17.11 S. Long 38.

the South Atlantic Ocean in 1879

Remarks on Board Sunday Aug 31st

Came in with moderate S. E. trades. Ship by the wind in the morn. at 9 A.M. kept off S. N. with all sail out for the Abrolhos. Saw one steamer bound to the S. and saw two or three Humpbacks at 11 A.M. kept off N. by S. at 2 P.M. saw a number of whales together, took them to be sperm, run for them, found them to be Humpbacks but as they were going quick did not lower for them. At 3 P.M. saw Abrolhos light and rocks bearing S 1° W by S. Dist 11 miles. At night shortened sail as usual.

Lat 18.15 S. Long 38.55 W.
Note, The above is Monday's day work.

Monday Aug 31st

All day squally weather. Ship by the wind all day cruising with all prudent sail out. Nothing in sight but one sail bound S.

Lat 17.35 S. Long 38.20 W.

Tuesday Sept 1st

Came in with moderate S. E. trades and squally weather. All night ship under easy sail. In the morning kept off for the Abrolhos Islands in search of Humpbacks. Saw several in going in to the islands but being very wild did not lower for them. Saw the islands about 7 A.M. and got in to the leeward of them about 11 A.M. Went on shore in the P.M. with wife and child got a few fish eggs and one boat for 25 cash learned from the people that keep the light that we are too late for Humpbacks. They are around the shore in June. At 4 P.M. kept off for the S. with fresh S. E. trades. Found our new working log 48 miles too far S. by both A.M. & P.M. observations.

The other two logs being very much out of the way. One about 4° too far S. and the other 20 too far N.