

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the North
 Friday July 28th 1854

Commenced with fine breeze from the Westward steering E. S. E. Watch engaged stowing away spare spars &c. at 6 P.M. Grank Reys raised a school of sperm whales to the leeward going quick to the windward lowered three boats, starboard, struck and at 8 P.M. took the whale to the ship and made him well fast and set the patches for the night. Mid-part watch engaged getting cutting gear ready &c. ship heading S. W. saw a strange sail steering S. S. E. latter part fine weather heading North at daylight commenced cutting at 10 finished at 12 M. started the works, so ends

Lat 35° 42' North
 Long 57° 16' West

Saturday 30th

Commenced with fine breeze from the Westward, heading to the southward, saw a Bark steering to the N. E., all hands engaged clearing the heads & cutting up blubber. Mid-part at 12 M. came to put up the main top sail aback. latter part a little squally. at daylight hoisted foreward and double ruled the topsails at 4 P.M. kept off N. E. by N. at 10 M. slipped to heading N. W. all hands engaged hauling, starting, brack water and one sail coak and flag coak to

Lat 35° 19' North
 Long 58° 45' West

Sunday 31st

Commenced with fresh breeze from the S. W. heading N. W. all hands engaged hauling &c. mid-part at 10 P.M. coaled down and put the bottom on at 12 noon ship heading to the Southward at daylight kept off E. by S. latter part fresh breeze & fine weather

Lat 35° 19' North
 Long 58° 45' West

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 Monday August 1st 1854

Commenced with fresh breeze from the S. W. steering E. by S. smoky weather under double reefed topsails at sundown shortened sail. latter part moderate breeze at 7 P.M. made sail. Watch engaged taking oil & cotton oil and putting new sail in the sail pen &c. so ends the 24 hours end with fine weather

Lat 35° 22' North
 Long 59° 15' West

Tuesday 2^d

Commenced with fine breeze from the S. W. steering E. S. E. Watch engaged breaking out for shooks. Board Carmillo off deck with the Basherel disease. Middle and latter part light breeze and fine weather at 5 P.M. set all sail. Watch engaged breaking out for shooks. Cooper setting up shooks. a strong Northerly current

Lat 35° 27' North
 Long 58° 50' West

Wednesday 3^d

Commenced with light breeze from the S. W. steering S. E. by E. Watch engaged ratting down, muzzing, topmast rigging and other odds jobs about decks. at sundown shortened sail and luffed to on the Southern tack. Middle & latter part still continues fine weather. at daylight set all sail at 6 P.M. kept off E. S. E. Watch engaged working in the rigging &c. saw a Brig steering steering to the S. E. as tired

Lat 35° 23' North
 Long 58° 40' West