

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the
Thursday August 4th 1864

Commenced with moderate breeze from the Southward & Westward steering S. E. by E. at 2 P.M. spoke a French Brig Elligabth 20 days from Martinique bound to Bordeaux & 1/2 distance by her. Water engaged stowing away empty cask of pom down short tined sail. Middle & latter part light air & at daylight called all hands and even one held pumping out fresh water from under the fluber room and putting in empty cask in the fore hold. at 11 P.M. commenced running oil, so ends

Lat 35° 05' North
Long 49° 03' West

Friday 5th

Commenced with light air & calm ship heeling all around the compass at 4 P.M. finished running sloven oil and washed off. J. M. Reynolds and Edwin W. Brown & Charles S. Gooding off duty sick with different complaints. nothing very serious at sundown shortened sail middle & latter part still continues calm. three merchant vessels in sight. Water engaged fitting headroops and making best sails. Roped new fore top gallant braces. fine clear weather

Lat 35° 06' North
Long 49° 32' West

Saturday 6th

Commenced with calm, water engaged making new guz blocks & straps mid part light breeze from the Eastward, heading to the Southward latter part fine weather set all sail. water engaged drawing & noting gains and overhauling main topmast legs

Lat 34° 20' North
Long 49° 25' West

North Atlantic Ocean James Costello Master

Sunday August 7th

Commenced with light breeze from the Eastward at 1 P.M. backed ship heading S. E. by S. saw a merchant ship steering N. W. by W. water employed in various duties. mid part at 2 P.M. wind hauled to the S. W. steering E. by S. latter part breeze light and pleasant fine. worked for Pipek, pick without success. Sea sick in the better better. Charles S. Gooding on duty again

Lat 35° 02' North
Long 49° 00' West

Monday 8th

Commenced with light breeze from the S. W. steering E. by S. at sundown took in light sails, mid part had a few showers of rain latter part fine breeze and pleasant weather. at 6 P.M. set all sail saw a vessel steering to the N. W. water engaged fitting and setting up main top gallant rigging. carried away the after main topmast last cross tree. Carpenter engaged making another. so ends there & home Edwin W. Brown on duty again

Lat 25° 28' North
Long 46° 25' West

Tuesday 9th

Commenced with fine breeze from the S. W. steering E. by S. water engaged drawing & noting gains. Carpenter finished the cross tree & put it up at 4 P.M. saw a sail steering S. E. at sundown shortened sail. middle & latter part fine & pleasant the same water engaged setting up fore top gallant rigging and drawing & noting gains and last late at Pumpers

Lat 35° 49' North
Long 42° 30' West