

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the North

Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commenced with brisk breezes from the Northward heading S.W. Watch engaged working in the rigging & C saw Grampasses, at sundown shortened sail. Latter part strong breeze from the N.W. toward heading N.W. at 10 AM wind hauled to the N.W. heading N.E. thick weather at 11 AM fore sail main sail & jib & spanker, saw Black fish. Broke out for water

Lat 41° 02 North  
Long 37° 02 West

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with strong breezes from the N.W. heading N.E. by N. Watch engaged making pennant and pulling, chafing gear on the rigging. Saw two whales standing to the S.W. at midday took in sail. Mid-part moderating. Latter part light breeze, at daylight Frank Robbins raised a school of sperm whales going quick to the Northward lowered two boats but could not come up with them, at 10 AM they went out of sight. came on board, so end with calms

Lat 41° 54 North  
Long 38° 08 West

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with calms water engaged making spinnaker & C. at 4 PM a light breeze sprang from the Southward steering S.W. at sundown shortened sail, mid-part at 12 m come to with main sail & back heading S.W. at daylight set all sail at 8 AM wind veered to the N.W. heading N.E. at 10 AM started heading S.W. water engaged drawing k. netting, garnis, so ends with fine weather and good breeze

Lat 42° 18 North  
Long 38° 19 West

Atlantic Ocean James Cottle, Master

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with fine breezes from the N.W. heading S.W. saw three merchant Barks steering S.E. saw Grampasses water engaged, filling new jib foot rope at 8 PM spoke the ship Spruce, with Capt. Sherman of New Bedford 5 months out Noosperm. Latter part brisk breeze, under easy sail at 10 AM left of S.W. saw a Bkig steering to the S.E. water engaged making spinnaker, so ends with squally weather

Lat 42° 14 North  
Long 38° 01 West

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with brisk breeze from the N.W. steering S.W. turned the reefs out the main top sail at 4 PM wind died out dead calm two sail in sight. water engaged making new foot rope for the fore & main top gallant yard part fore staysail, mid-part at 12 m, a light breeze from the Northward heading S.W. latter part fine breeze and clear weather set all sail, two sail in sight standing to the Eastward water & work in the rigging & C

Lat 42° 31 North  
Long 38° 18 West

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

Commenced with fine breezes from the N.E. heading N.W. water engaged making spinnaker & C. at sundown shortened sail, mid-part blown on at 9 PM wind veered to the S.E. steering N. at 1 AM luffed to heading S.W. latter part blowing fresh gale at 6 AM pulled the fore top sail so ends with 24 hours with thick weather.

Not obs