

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the North

Thursday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

Commenced with fine breezes from the Westward and began on heading S. by W. at 2 P.M. took in light sail at sundown shortened sail mid-part at 12 M. wore ship heading S. E. wind veered to the Northward latter part fresh breeze under double reefed topsails at 7 A.M. wind hauled to the S. E. heading S. E. thick weather saw a Bark standing to the S. W.

Lat 40 31 North  
Long 28 25 West

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with fine breezes from the S. E. at 12 30 P.M. wore ship and set all sail heading S. E. by S. fair weather broke out for water at sundown took in sail latter part light air wind veered to the Eastward set all sail and kept off S. by W. all hands engaged breaking out for sails and cordage cask at 10 A.M. looked for Black fish without success

Lat 40 37 North  
Long 28 28 West

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with light airs from the East steering S. by W. at 2 P.M. steering S. W. by S. wind veered to the Southward saw a Bark Belling. water engaged making a main top mast staysail out of a top mast tuddel in sail at sundown took in sail mid-part at 12 M. huffed to heading to the Westward latter part weather still continues fine wind hauled to the Westward set off sail steering S. saw a ship standing to the Eastward put up a spring stay for the main top mast staysail finished and bent it.

Lat 41 10 North  
Long 28 59 West

Atlantic Ocean James Cattle Master

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with fine breezes from the Westward steering North at 2 P.M. huffed to heading S. W. by S. water engaged putting up a main top gallant spring stay making a staysail out of a top gallant tuddel in sail at 4 P.M. finished and bent it at sundown shortened sail mid-part wind from the S. W. latter part strong breezes and foggy weather under double reefed topsails at 12 M. wore ship heading South

Lat 41 25 North  
no Long

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with strong breezes from the Westward thick rainy weather at 10 P.M. furled foresail and fore topsail and closed reefed the main at sundown wore ship heading S. W. by S. mid-part wind veered to the Eastward heading S. E. by E. latter part light breezes set all sail heading S. E. by S. saw a Brig steering to the Eastward wind from the S. E. water engaged drawing & noting young Cooper engaged fitting a new shuttle Butt out of a new cask so end with over cask weather

Lat 41 14 North  
Long 28 23 West

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with light breezes from the S. E. heading to the Eastward. water engaged making tarpaulins for the hatches at 5 P.M. a Bark in sight to the windward about 12 miles of maneuvering at sundown shortened sail and wore ship heading S. by W. mid-part & latter part moderate weather set all sail wind from the Eastward heading S. E. by E. at 10 A.M. kept off S. by S. two wheels in sight

Lat 41 13 North  
Long 29 48 West