

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the South
Thursday Feb 26th 1865

Commenced strong breeze from the Northward heading E by N cloudy weather watch engaged scraping spar saw several pieces of squid at sundown took in sail at 11 P.M. wind veered around to the Southward, wore ship heading E. S. E. latter part fresh breeze, made sail and kept off E. N. E. at 11. I spoke the United States ship Onward Captain Clark 7 days from Santos cruising around here so end.

Lat 34°42 South
Long 47°30 West

Friday 27th

Commenced with fresh breeze & fine weather from the Southward passing by the main of bar Onward at 3 P.M. kept her & kept off E. N. E. at sundown took in all sail but a double reefed main topsail and kept off N. by E mid-part at 12 m luffed on the main heading E. S. E. latter part wind very light and variable at 10 P.M. tacked heading East Broke out for water. Pumps attended to

Lat 34°09 South
Long 46°40 West

Saturday 28th

Commenced with light breeze from the Northward heading East saw lots of Grampasses at sundown shortened sail latter part fine breeze from the N. N. E. heading East fine clear weather watch engaged scraping quarter deck &c

Lat 33°35 South
Long 45°08 West

Atlantic Ocean James Cottoy Master

Sunday 29th

Commenced with light breeze from the N. N. E. heading East saw lots of Grampasses and pieces of squid watch engaged washing ship middle & C at sundown tacked ship and shortened sail heading N. N. W. middle & latter part still continued fine weather at 3 P.M. set all sail at 8 A.M. tacked heading E. N. E. saw a Brig standing to the E. S. E.

Lat 34°35 South
Long 44°34 West

Monday 30th

Commenced with light breeze from the Northward heading E. N. E. saw grampasses at 5 P.M. tacked heading N. N. W. latter part at 4 P.M. wind hauling to the Westward tacked heading N. by E foggy weather wind gradually to the Southward kept a Brig standing to the Westward watch engaged scraping deck &c Pumps attended to

Lat 33°43 South
Long 43°07 West

Tuesday 31st

Commenced with fine breeze from the Southward steering N. at 2 P.M. steering N. E. saw grampasses & Porpoises at sundown shortened sail and came to on the starboard tack heading E. S. E. middle part breeze on from the S. E. at 12 m wore ship heading S. W. latter part at 6 P.M. wore ship and altered S. E. wore a double reefed main topsail and chased a reefed foretop sail saw a vessel steering N. E. also saw end strong breeze & smoky weather Pumps attended to

Lat 32°12 South
Long 44°07 West