

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the South

Tuesday Feb-14th 1865

Commenced with light breeze from the Southward steering to the Northward; watch engaged in various duties, at sundown shortened sail, luffed by the wind on the starboard tack heading E. S. E. latter part fine weather and light breeze from the Eastward at 7 P.M. kept off S. W. at 9 P.M. raised the Bark, S. B. Snicker, Whaling and, at 10, lowered and mated the Waist Boat of the S. B. Snicker fasten and got stove and our Waist Boat got stove at dusk 10 P.M. to N. W. all

Wednesday 15th

Commenced with light breeze from the Eastward heading to the S. S. E. at 11 P.M. took the wheel along side the S. B. Snicker and commenced cutting. Two of our boats crews went on board to help at dark got the head off and knock off, and come on board latter part still continuing fine weather at 7 P.M. a Boat, crew went on board the S. B. Snicker and took the Body and head yank in, and our ship standing under short tacks looking for more whales. Carpenter engaged mending the Waist Boat. Pump attended to.

Lat 34° 10' South
Long 50° 33' West

Thursday 16th

Commenced with light from the Southward, & Westward making short tacks around the S. B. Snicker, a boat and crew on board the S. B. Snicker at sundown Captain Catte and Boat's crew come on board and shortened sail heading South. latter part wind all around the compass and had a few rain squalls engaged mending boat at 12 wind come out from the Southward heads S. W.

Lat 34° 39' South
Long 50° 19' West

Atlantic Ocean James Catte Master

Friday 17th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the Southward heading S. W. at 2 P.M. took some cask on board the S. B. Snicker at sundown shortened sail wind hauling to the Eastward latter part fine weather heading to the S. S. W. & S. B. Snicker in sight Boiling Carpenter engaged working on the Waist Boat

Lat 34° 37' South
Long 50° 28' West

Saturday 18th

Commenced with light breeze from the S. E. heading S. S. W. fine clear weather at sundown shortened sail and wore around heading S. E. middle & latter part calm. watch engaged in various duties Carpenter at work on the Waist Boat. Pump attended to

Long 50° 44' West
Lat 34° 30' South

Sunday 19th

Commenced with light air from the S. W. steering to the Eastward the S. B. Snicker in sight Boiling latter part fine breeze from the S. E. at 6 P.M. took on board 40 barrels of sperm oil from the S. B. Snicker and both ship kept off S. E. The deck was stop so she does not make any water. saw several merchant standing in to the Westward

Lat 34° 32' South
Long 50° 24' West