

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the South Atlantic Ocean - (James Patton Jr. Master)

Sunday February 26th 1865

Commenced with light breezes from the N.E. heading E.S.E. water engaged washing ship inside & C. Hamd down shorted sail latter part fine weather at 6 A.M. Short Bryant raised a school of large sperm whales and was not going much of any pay but what they did go they went & W. lowered and larboard Boat struck and starboard Boat darted at one but to far off at 11 A.M. took the whale along side and at 12 M hooked on and commenced cutting, so ends with splendid weather



Lat 33° 36' South
Long 49° 31' West

Monday 27th

Commenced with light breezes from the N.E. heading E.S.E. and very good weather at 6 P.M. The two sharks and the N.E. Sucker spoke us. Middle part at 12 M finished boiling the case and set, water engaged churning up decks and getting ready for Boiling & C. latter part still continued fine weather all hands engaged cutting up pork & C. started the work at 1 P.M. ship heading E.S.E.

Lat 33° 30'
Long no

Tuesday 28th

Commenced with light breezes from the Northward heading E.S.E. all hands engaged cutting up blubber & Boiling & C. latter part strong breeze heading S.E. all hands engaged in Boiling and cutting up blubber & C. saw a merchant ship standing to the S.E.

Lat 33° 36' South
Long 49° 49' West

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Wednesday March 1st

Commenced with strong breezes from the Northward heading S.E. and short sail all hands engaged boiling & C. at 3 P.M. had a little rain wind hauled to the S.W. steering N.W. latter part all hands engaged in boiling & C. fine weather

Lat 35° 00' South
Long 47° 41' West

Thursday 2^d

Commenced with fine breezes from the S.W. steering N.W. water engaged in boiling & C. mid part at 12 M came to with the main top sail aback. finished boiling. latter part kept off N.W. water engaged churning up decks & C. at 12 M steered S.W. so and with fair weather.

Lat 34° 14' South
Long 49° 18' West

Friday 3^d

Commenced with fine breezes from the Eastward steering S.W. water engaged coopers up and taking the hot bean oil off at 1 P.M. shorted sail and luffed by the wind on the Port tack heading S.E. mid part at 12 M wore ship heading S.W. latter part wore ship heading E.S.E. at daylight called all hands and commenced stowing down oil on the starboard side foreward the cabin room at 12 M finished and wore ship heading S.W. water down about a 100 barrels so end fair weather

Lat 34° 57' South
Long 49° 40' West