

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising with South

Saturday March 4th 1863

Commenced with brisk breeze from the S.E. heading S.W. under short sail all hands engaged getting out shoals and clearing out fore & after hold & C. mid-part at 12 m wore ship heading East latter part fresh breeze under double reefed topsails saw plenty of Grampasses. smoky weather

Lat 34°40 South
Long 49°42 West

Sunday 5th

Commenced with strong breeze from the N.E. heading E by S. Watch engaged washing ship inside & C. at sundown shortened sail latter part strong breeze heading to the Eastward thick weather no obs

Monday 6th

Commenced with strong breeze from the S.W. heading to the Eastward at 4 P.M. spoke the Bark Locathal Eastward stowed 125 sperm. wind veered to the S.E. heading S.W. latter part foggy weather and fine breeze steering S.W. watch engaged over hauling the gunwales & C.

Lat 34°17 South
Long 49°20 West

Tuesday 7th

Commenced with fine breeze from the Eastward steering S.W. W. Cooper setting up spars at 4 P.M. luffed by the wind heading S.W. by S. at sundown shortened sail latter part fine weather steering to the Westward

Lat 33°14 South
Long 49°20 West

Atlantic Ocean James Cobble Master

Wednesday 8th

Commenced with fine breeze from the Eastward steering S.W. W. saw the A.R. Sucker cutting and also another Bark a whaling at 6 P.M. spoke the A.R. Sucker had a 80 barrel whale shortened sail heading to the Southward latter part fine clear weather set all sail heading S.W. & three whales in sight at 11 P.M. saw a Bark to the leeward about 10 miles of whaling supposed to be the Janet. at 12 saw three large whales coming quick to the windward galled, lowered but could not cut them off so end chasing galled whales to the windward.

Lat 33°34 South
Long 49°30 West

Thursday 9th

Commenced with light breeze from the Eastward chasing whales to the Eastward at 3 P.M. whale out of sight came on board ship heading N.E. saw the Janet working to the windward so she did not get any at sundown shortened sail latter part fine breeze standing on different tacks saw the Janet and grampasses

Lat 33°42 South
Long 49°32 West

Friday 10th

Commenced with fine breeze from the Eastward heading S.E. spoke the Janet & saw not get anything since we last saw her at sundown shortened sail latter part still continues fine weather set all sail and steering to the Westward saw grampasses and a Bark steering S.W. broke out for port at 12 m luffed by the wind on the starboard tack heading N by E

Lat 34°00 South
Long 49°35 West