

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the South

Saturday March 11th 1865

Commenced with fine breeze and clear weather from the S.E. heading S.W. fore topsail sheet parted shackled at together again saw the Janet standing to the E.S.E. at sundown shortened sail & wore ship heading E.S.E. mid part at 2 P.M. wore ship heading S.W. latter part fresh breeze set fore topsail at 7 P.M. wore ship heading E.S.E. the Janet in sight at 10 P.M. lacked heading S.W. & smoky weather

Lat 33° 44' South
Long 49° 46' West

Sunday 12th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the S.E. heading S.W. saw a steamer steering S.W. water engaged cleaning iron work & at sundown tack and took in sail heading E.S.E. latter part in the morning had thick bracing weather at 8 P.M. cleared off at all sail heading E.S.E.

Lat 33° 57' South
Long 49° 17' West

Monday 13th

Commenced with light breeze and pure weather heading S.W. saw the Janet at sundown shortened sail. had heavy swell from the S.E. latter part light breeze from the S.W. heading S.W. water engaged cleaning iron work on the windlass & saw lots of grampass

Lat 33° 35' South
Long 48° 35' West

Atlantic Ocean James Colledge Master

Tuesday 14th

Commenced with light breeze from the S.W. heading S.W. at 10 P.M. tacked heading N.W. water engaged cleaning iron work on the Bow & painting it at 4 P.M. spoke the Janet she has not seen anything since we last saw her at sundown shortened sail and wore ship heading S.W. latter part still continues light breeze and heading to the S.E. made all sail heading West at 9 P.M. spoke the Ship Janus Captain Cornell of New Bedford 30 months out with 1300 bbls of oil steering N.E. the Janet in sight

Lat 33° 02' South

Wednesday 15th

Commenced with light air from the S.E. and cloudy weather steering S.W. saw lots of Grampass water engaged cleaning iron work & at sundown shortened sail and tacked by the wind heading South breeze on a latter middle & latter part thick bracing weather and fresh gale from the S.W. heading S.E. furl'd fore sail & fore topsail the Awarsonk's feet heading to the Northward and then she wore ship heading the same as we. Grampass attended to

no obs

Thursday 16th

Commenced with fresh gale from the E.S.E. heading S.E. closed reefed the main topsail and balted down the mast down and took the Breeze at 5 P.M. moderate down the Awarsonk's in sight mid part cleared away and hauled to the Westward heading S.W. latter part set closed reef fore topsail at 11 P.M. breeze on furl'd the fore topsail again Grampass attended to

Lat 33° 26' South
Long 48° 15' West