

Journal of the Bark John Dawson, in the North Atlantic

Thursday June 8th 1865

Commenced with light breeze from the Southward off & on at Fagel, and the Daniel Wood also, at 3 P.M. the Captain came off with one man that his ship made sail and stood out the weathered passage steering S.E. by S. latter part going closed hauled heading E by N. at daylight Clasciosa & Lercira in sight fine weather watch engaged making Spangain & saw a fin back

Lat 39° 35' North
Long 27° 49' West

Friday 9th

Commenced with light breeze from the S.E. heading E.S.E. mid part calm, latter part a light breeze from the E. S.E. thick foggy weather heading S.E. saw two ships steering to the S.W. watch engaged making pennett & C

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Saturday 10th

Commenced with light breeze from the E. S.E. thick foggy weather heading S.E. middle & latter part thick foggy weather, at 12 o'clock last night Mr. Antone our third mate was taken very sick with a severe pain in his breast and at 1 o'clock died, in great agony, supposed to be the heart disease. The Captain don all he could but it don no good.

Lat 41° 00' North
Long 25° 06' West

Ocean James Catto Jr Master

Sunday 11th

Commenced with light breeze from S.E. heading E.S.E. foggy weather, at 4 P.M. committed Mr. Antone to the deck, with red hearts. mid part wind hauled to the Southward heading S.E. by E. latter part fine breeze and fair weather.

Lat 41° 35' North
Long 23° 54' West

Monday 12th

Commenced with fine breeze from the Southward heading S.E. by E. saw Blackbird mid & latter part light breeze heading S.E. fine weather watch engaged making pennett & C. Lat Frank Reuffus in Boat & C. grad Boat Lat 41° 39' North in Boat at sea Long 22° 48' West

Tuesday 13th

Commenced with light breeze from the Southward heading S.E. at 2 P.M. Mr. Glouland raised a school of sperm whales going about S.W. lowered, mast Boat struck and stranded, Starboard Boat struck and line parted and at 3 P.M. mast Boat struck again, but none the other Boats couldn't get on to him, for he was very shy. So when night came I made fast to Mr. Glouland Boat and seized by the whale all night, latter part killed him and took him to the ship, and at 10 A.M. commenced cutting calm weather



Lat 41° 46' North
Long 22° 43' West