

Journal of the Bark John Dawson in the

Saturday July 22^d 1865

Commences with fine breeze from the Westward steering S. by E. at all sail mid-part at 1 A.M. started S. by E. latter part of daylight steered S. by E. saw the south end of Sardinia bearing East distant about 40 miles. lots of vessels in sight also, water engaged in various directions, weather fine clear, weather.

Lat 39° 22' North
Long 8° 44' East

Sunday 23^d

Commences with fine breeze from the Westward steering S. by E. at 3 P.M. saw the Island of Sardinia bearing South, at 6 P.M. south end of Sardinia bearing N. by E. distant 40 miles and the Island of Sardinia 30 miles. saw S. by E. mid-part steering S. by E. 1/4 S. latter part light breeze bent and set a third of sails, the coast of Sicily about 20 miles off, lots of sail in sight & changed signals with a English man of war. fine weather steering S. by E.

Lat 39° 01' North
Long 10° 06' East

Monday 24^d

Commences with fine breeze from the Westward steering S. by E. at 4 P.M. passed the Island of Sardinia about 5 miles to the Westward of it at sundown Cape Bon bearing S. by E. 1/2 S. distant 20 miles latter part light breeze steering E. by S. along the coast of Sicily lots of vessels in sight fine weather

no obs

Mediterranean Sea James Catto Master

Tuesday 25^d

Commences with light breeze from the Westward steering E. by S. 1/2 S. at 5 P.M. passed the Island of Gozo about 10 miles to the Northward of it for a Whall. mid-part light air & calms latter part light breeze steering E. by S. along the coast of Sicily about 20 miles off.

Wednesday 26^d

Commences with light breeze from the Westward steering East & changed signals with a American Bark steering East also at sundown the Island of Malta bearing S. by W. 1/2 S. distant about 35 miles latter part light air steering E. by S. saw lots of flying squid and fish & several sails in sight.

Thursday 27^d

Commences with light breeze from the Westward steering E. by S. saw a piece of squid, at sundown steering E. by S. latter part light air from the Northward, when shall we see a sperm whale, our passengers in most of a tale.

Lat 36° 45' North
Long 18° 08' East

Friday 28^d

Commences with calms, all hands looking for sperm whales several vessels in sight mid-part at 11 A.M. light breeze sprang up from the Southward steering S. by E. latter part fine weather

Lat 38° 00' North
Long 18° 24' East