

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the
Thursday Sept 28th 1865

Commenced with fine breeze from the Eastward steering N. by E. fair weather saw a Bark standing to the Northward at sundown shortened sail and came to on the Starboard tack heading N. by E. latter part at daylight made sail and kept off West. water engaged drawing & noting gains. Saw a ship steering to the N. E. wind hauling to the Southward. overcast weather

Lat 40° 32' North
Long 35° 16' West

Friday 29th

Commenced with fine breeze from the Southward steering West. at 2 P.M. steering N. by W. at sundown shortened sail and came to on the Port tack heading S. by W. mid-part breeze on latter part strong breeze made sail and kept off N. by W. Watch engaged in various duties cloudy weather moderating

Lat 40° 40' North
Long 37° 08' West

Saturday 30th

Commenced with light breeze at 2 P.M. calm and foggy weather at sundown shortened sail. mid-part breeze on from the Westward heading N. by W. latter part strong breeze and hauled to the Northward. saw ship heading N. by W. picked up piece of a spar. hazy weather

Lat 40° 40' North
Long 38° 07' West

North Atlantic Ocean James Cottle Master

Sunday October 1st

Commenced with strong breeze from the Northward heading N. by E. Watch engaged washing ship in side. Saw a sperm whale. If it only had been a sperm whale, for we do need some oil. Mid-part & latter part heading N. by E. fine weather set all sail there appears to be a strong southerly current here

Lat 40° 32' North
Long 40° 07' West

Monday 2^d

Commenced with fine breeze from N. E. heading N. by W. at 2 P.M. kept off S. W. Saw Blackfish going quick to the Northward at sundown shortened sail and came to with the main top sail a back on the Port tack heading S. E. at latter part light breeze from N. by E. and fine weather set all sail heading to the Eastward Watch engaged pointing iron work & C.

Lat 40° 02' North
Long 40° 01' West

Tuesday 3^d

Commenced with light breeze from the N. by E. heading East. at 1 P.M. Silas raised a school of sperm whales going to the Southward lowered Starboard Boat a truck, and the Starboard got store while ^{the} Ezra Beebe the Boat steered was drowned. took the whale along side at 3 P.M. and got cutting gear ready and hooked on, and at 8 P.M. had him all in, and set the watches. We should feel so nice if it was not for the sad recollections of poor Beebe latter part at 7 P.M. Mr. Howland raised a school of sperm whales again to the Eastward lowered Port Black fish got amongst them and galled them and they went up to the Northward. General ordered at 12, 1st and 2nd to the Northward light breeze. Lat 38° 53' North Long 40° 44' West