

Journal of the Bark John Dawson, cruising in the North

Wednesday Oct 4th 1863

Commences with light breeze from the S. S. W. steering S. S. E. all hands engaged cutting up wind and blubber started the works at 5 P.M. raised the whale up again going quick to the windward and black fish all around them. (we have seen more than a dozen schools of Black fish.) lowered but without success came on board at sundown shortened sail and came to the wind on the starboard tack heading E. S. E. latter part noon ship heading to the Westward, all hands engaged boiling &c. at 8 P.M. spoke Bark Alto, 60th sperm. Captain Aye, became on board a few minutes at 10 A.M. saw Bark Alto whaling, lowered and got there just time enough to see her strike a whale and draw from him the school went to the windward fresh breeze and smoky weather at 11 P.M. came on board

Lat 39° 30' North
Long 41° 20' West

Thursday 5th

Commences fresh breeze from the S. S. W. heading S. W. all hands engaged in boiling &c. at sundown were ship heading S. E. mid-part breeze on, at 12 M. cooled down, at 2 P.M. set in thick rainy weather latter part at 7 P.M. wind heaved to the N. W. and cleared off and moderating all hands commenced stowing down oil. so ends with foggy weather

Lat 39° 24' North
Long 40° 30' West

Atlantic Ocean James Cattle Master

Friday 6th

Commences with light breeze from the N. W. at 2 P.M. finished stowing down ware ship and made sail steering E. S. E. Put Albert Bryant in to steer the Starboard Boat at sundown shortened sail. at 12 M. came to with the main to sail a back on the Port heading S. W. latter part thick foggy weather and fresh breeze took the Starboard Boat in and maned her and put it out again at 9 P.M. spoke Bark Roscoe Captain Macomber 3 months out 45 sperm lost a large whale last night at 11 A.M. ware ship heading S. E. W.

Lat 39° 52' North
Long 40° 05' West

Saturday 7th

Commences with fresh breeze from the Westward heading S. S. W. foggy weather saw a whaling Brig standing to the N. W. at sundown shortened sail and ware ship heading East saw the Roscoe steering S. E. smoky weather.

Lat 39° 50' N
Long 39° 11' W

Sunday 8th

Commences with fresh breeze from the N. W. W. steering East at 2 P.M. Mr. Ruffus raised a school of small sperm whale, lowered two Boat (we are so short handed we cannot lower three) and got two very small whales got them along side at 5 P.M. and commenced cutting finished at 7.30 and set the watchman ware ship heading N. latter part cloudy weather at 7 P.M. started the works all hands engaged in boiling &c. no whale