

Journal of the Bark John Dawson, cruising in the
Monday Oct 9th 1865

Commenced with fresh breeze from the N.W. heading S.S.E. a heavy swell on all hands engaged in pulling & C. at 4 P.M. coiled down and put the gaff on at sundown were ship heading N by S saw the Roscoe standing to the westward. latter part fine breeze from the westward at 9 P.M. kept off S.S.E. Broke out for water & C the Roscoe in sight.

Lat 39°40' N
Long 39°46' W

Tuesday 10th

Commenced with fine breeze from the westward steering S.E. at 5 P.M. spoke the Bark Roscoe at sundown shortened sail heading to the S.E. latter part at daylight made sail and kept off East at 11 P.M. spoke the Bark Roscoe's Captain Grape 35-
bals of sperm. heading to the Southward

Lat 39°31' North
Long 38°48' West

Wednesday 11th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the westward heading to the Southward galling with the Roscoe at 4 P.M. were ship heading N.W. by N. at sundown shortened sail. latter part foggy weather. at 7 P.M. kept off East and at 11 P.M. Phillip Cook raised a school of small sperm whales going quick to the S.E. lowered and lost run of them in the fog at 12 M came on board and stood to the S.E.

Lat 39°41' North
Lat 39°31' West

North Atlantic Ocean James Cottle Master
Thursday 12th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the N.W. heading to the S.E. at 2 P.M. raised the whales again lowered Starboard Boat struck and the short warp caught over the head of the Boat and brought the line foul so we had to cut, and the whales went off to the North gave chase without success came on board at dark and shortened sail heading S.W. if we only could have seen that whale how much it would have been for its hard to lose whales after we got fast to them but such is life. Mid - just at 12 M were ship heading to the Southward latter part made sail and kept off steering different courses to the Eastward. squally weather

Lat 40°00' North
Long 39°24' West

Friday 13th

Commenced with brisk breeze from the S.W. steering S.E. at 5 P.M. steering E.S.E. saw fin backs. Mid part light baffling winds latter part wind from the Southward and breeze on took in light sails heading East broke out for sharks. thick weather

Lat 40°00' North
Long 38°01' West

Saturday 14th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the S.W. steering S.E. by E sent the flying jib in and made it. Mid - blowing fresh gale and very heavy squalls. split the fore sail & fore and main topsail. at 12 M hove to heading South latter part moderated and the wind hauled to the N.W. bent new fore sail & new main topsail. at 11 P.M. kept off S.E.

Lat 39°55' North
Long 38°32' West