

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the
Friday Dec - 22^d 1865

Commenced with light breezes from the E. S. E. steering S. W. fine clear weather. saw a Bark steering S. S. W. at sundown shortened sail and came to on the Port tack heading South. If we could only get a whole such fine weather it would do me good. latter part set all sail and kept off S. S. W. at 10 steering S. S. W. saw lots of Gramp seals.

Lat 33° 50' South
Long 48° 40' West

Saturday 23^d

Commenced with fine breezes from the Eastward steering different courses to the Southward & Westward. at sundown shortened sail and came to on the Port tack heading S. E. It has been a splendid day and we have almost looked our eyes out. but could see nothing but Grampasses. hope the whales will come along soon. latter part strong breezes at 6 AM kept off South. at 9 AM came to on the starboard tack heading S. S. W. saw grampasses and several merchant vessels thick foggy weather under easy sail.

no seal

Sunday 24^d

Commenced with strong breezes and thick foggy weather from the S. E. at 10 AM wore ship and furled fore topsail heading E by S at dark furled the fore sail. mid-part moderating latter part fine weather and fine breezes from the Westward set all sail heading S. W. saw a Finback

Lat 34° 43' South
Long 50° 08' West

South Atlantic Ocean James Cottle Master

Monday 25^d

Commenced with light breezes & fine clear weather from the Westward at 10 AM wore ship steering S. E. by N at sundown shortened sail heading N. N. E. latter part wind from the S. W. made sail and steered S. E. by E. Broke out for water, saw several merchant ships steering to the S. W.

Lat 34° 27' South
Long 49° 27' West

Tuesday 26^d

Commenced with light breezes from the S. W. steering East at 4 PM spoke the Bark Sarah Captain Barker 115 bbls of sperm at sundown shortened sail heading S. E. mid-part wind veered around to the Southward and breezen on. latter part fresh breezes at 7 kept off S. E. and the Bark Sarah also. saw Grampasses

Lat 34° 00' South
Long 48° 50' West

Wednesday 27^d

Commenced with fresh breezes from the Southward steering S. E. by E the Bark also at 7 AM spoke the Bark Wave Capt Handy. & munched out 85 bbls of sperm mid-part laying with the main topsail aback heading South. winds from the E. S. E. latter part fine weather and fine breezes made sail and wore ship heading S. E. by S. Bark Wave in sight

Lat 33° 16' South
Long 48° 28' West