

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the North

Monday Jan-8th 1866

Commenced with light breezes from the S.W. & E. tacked ship heading S.W. & E. at sundown shortened sail. latter part weather still continued fine set all sail. saw jaspers. coiled a spare line.

Lat 35°40' South
Long 48°13' West

Tuesday 9th

Commenced with light breezes from Eastward heading S.W. & E. at 3 P.M. were ship heading South. saw the Bark have billowing at sundown were ship and shortened sail. latter part brisk breezes made sail at 7 A.M. kept off S.W. by 9th at 10 A.M. came to on the star board tack heading S.W. & E. watch engaged working in the rigging & C.

Lat 33°20' South
Long 48°26' West

Wednesday 10th

Commenced with brisk breeze from the Eastward heading S.W. & E. at 5 P.M. were ship heading S.W. & E. spoke the wave. just at low down a 60 barrel whale at sundown shortened sail. latter part strong breezes under double reefed topsails at 7 A.M. started off to the Southward & Westward several vessels in sight.

Lat 33°47' South
Long 48°32' West

Atlantic Ocean James Cottle Master

Thursday 11th

Commenced with strong breezes from the Eastward steering to the Northward & Westward. at 3 P.M. came to the wind heading S.W. & E. at sundown shortened sail. latter part made sail and at 7 A.M. were ship heading S.W. by S. the Bark Sarah in sight.

Lat 33°40' South
Long 49°18' West

Friday 12th

Commenced with brisk breezes from the S.W. & E. tacked ship heading S.W. & E. at 6 P.M. spoke the Bark Sarah got nothing since we saw her last at sundown shortened sail. latter part fair weather made sail heading S.W. & E. saw Gram passes at 12 M. tacked ship heading South.

Lat 33°05' South
Long 48°50' West

Saturday 13th

Commenced with brisk breezes from the S.W. & E. heading South. saw Gram passes at sundown shortened sail. latter part strong breezes at 6 A.M. kept off steering different courses to the Southward & Westward. sent down main topsail and put grommets patched on it. the man that made that topsail never ought to make another one. saw Gram passes. fair weather.

Lat 34°18' South
Long 49°36' West