

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in
Monday Feb 5th 1866

Commenced with moderate
gales from the N. E. W. heading S. at 4 P.M.
moderate breeze set closed reefed fore top sail
latter part fine weather with light breeze
from the Westward heading South
watch engaged in various duties. at 11 P.M.
tacked heading N. W.

Lat 33° 00' South
Long 47° 36' West

Tuesday 6th

Commenced with fine breeze
from the S. E. W. heading S. to the Westward
at 5 P.M. spoke the Bark Wave she has
not seen a whale since we last saw her at
sundown shortened sail; latter part light
breeze heading to the S. E. W. saw Grampasser

Lat 32° 52' S
Long 48° 10' W

Wednesday 7th

Commenced with fine breeze
from the Westward at 1 P.M. tacked ship
heading S. E. at 5 P.M. spoke the Old
fellow of Sag harbor 7 months out
400 whale mid-part calm. latter part
light breeze from the S. W. steering S. W.
fine weather. watch engaged overhauling
cutting blocks & c. The Bark Wave
in sight steering S. W. also

Lat 32° 40' S
Long 48° 12' W

the South Atlantic Ocean James Cattle Master
Thursday 8th

Commenced with light airs &
calm. watch engaged painting iron work
& c. at sundown light airs from the S. W. then
steering S. W. shortened sail. Middle &
latter part still continued light airs saw
quantities of Grampasser. watch engaged blacking
iron work and working in the rigging & c.
fine clear weather. at 12 M a fine breeze
from the S. E. steering S. E. W.

Lat 32° 58' South
Long 48° 34' West

Friday 9th

Commenced with fine breeze
from the S. E. steering S. E. W. engaged
overhauling the windlass & c. at 3 P.M.
heading South took in light sail. saw
lots of Grampasser at sundown shortened
sail latter part a strong breeze from the S. E.
Hazy weather at 6 A.M. kept off S. W. broke
out for water. at 12 M steering S. W.

Lat 34° 24' S
Long 49° 27' W

Saturday 10th

Commenced with strong breeze
from the S. E. steering S. W. Bent a
new fore top mast stay sail. at 3 P.M. luffed
by the wind heading S. and breeze on
at 6 P.M. blowing fresh gale took in all
sail but a close reefed main top sail main
spencer & fore top mast stay sail and was ship
heading S. E. secured things for a blow latter
part blowing moderate gale at 7 A.M. were ship
heading S. E. & c

Lat 34° 30' South
Long 49° 37' West