

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the
Friday February 23^d 1866

Commences with strong
breezes from the S.W. heading to the West-
ward. Saw humpers breaching patch engaged in
various duties, at sundown shortened sail.
Latter part fine breeze and clear weather set
all sail, steered S.W. two whales in sight
watch engaged making the foretop sail &c

Lat 33° 45' South
Long 48° 35' West

Saturday 24th

Commences with brisk breezes
from the S.W. heading N.W. by W. engaged
making the foretop sail, at 4 P.M. had a
heavy squall from the S.W. put the ship
under short sail, latter part strong breezes
at 7 P.M. wore ship heading S.E. the
Bark Sarah in sight.

Lat 33° 32' South
Long 48° 33' West

Sunday 25th

Commences with strong
breezes from the S.W. heading N.E. &
furled the foretop sail. Very bad weather
here this season and no whales. We all have
got the blues, saw a Bark standing to the
S.E. also, latter part fine weather
and light breezes from the Southward
heading E.S.E. set all sail saw Grampass
and the Bark Waver in sight also.

Lat 34° 00' South
Long 47° 38' West

South Atlantic Ocean James Collier Master
Monday 26th

Commences with light breezes
from the Southward heading S.E. at 3 P.M.
kept off S.E. at sundown shortened sail &
come to on the Port tack heading West. Mid-
day calm latter part light breezes and light
fine clear weather. at 7 P.M. lowered and
Lorboard Boat caught a small Blackfish
watch engaged breaking out for water steering
S.E.

Lat 33° 31' S
Long 47° 34' W

Tuesday 27th

Commences with light breezes
from the S.W. steering North fine clear
weather. Watch engaged repairing the fore-
top sail &c at 2 P.M. ship heading N.W.
at sundown shortened sail & wore ship
heading to the S.E. latter part light breezes
from the S.W. heading N.E. saw to
merchant vessels standing to the S.W.
lots of Grampass & Porpoises in sight
also, watch engaged hauling out the Blackfish
finished and bent the foretop sail

Lat 32° 49' South
Long 47° 05'

Wednesday 28th

Commences with calms watch
engaged working in the rigging &c at sundown
shortened sail, latter part still continues fine
clear weather heading to the Eastward. a Bark in
sight standing to the Eastward also. Bent down
the spanke and altered it made it a little
shorter on the foot

Lat 32° 56' South
Long 46° 34' West