

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the
Thursday March 2nd 1866

Commenced with light
breezes from the N.W. heading East.
Watch engaged
making new main topsail braces.
at 5 P.M. spoke the Bark Triton, Captain
Cornell. 9 months out of 300 sperm. mid-
part began on latter part brick breezes and
the foggy weather heading E.S.E. at daylight
made sail watch engaged making mizzen-
topmast staysail &c. at 12 M double reefed
the topsails.

Lat 33°36' South
Long 44°31' West

Friday 2nd

Commenced with strong breezes
from the Northward heading E by N. rove
new main topsail braces. at 4 P.M. come in
thick & raining and blowing fresh furled the
fore topsail & foresail & closed reefed the main.
the Triton in sight. If we don't get a whale soon
we shall all go crazy. Mid-part wind
veered to the Westward heading N.W. latter
part blowing moderate gales. at 10 A.M. set
closed reefed fore topsail. Smoky weather
Pumps attended to

Lat 33°29' S
Long 44°20' West

Saturday 3rd

Commenced with moderate gales and
moderating from the S.W. heading S.W. by W.
at 8 P.M. set the foresail and kept off S by E
at sundown furled the foresail and came to heading
West latter part fine weather made sail &c.
kept off N by E.

Lat 32°19' South
Long 44°11' West

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Sunday 4th

Commenced with fine breeze
from the Southward steering S.W. by E at
4 P.M. spoke the Bark Sarah has not got
anything since we last saw her at sundown
shortened sail and come to on the starboard
tack heading E.S.E. mid-part latter part
calm at 8 A.M. spoke the Sardinian
steamer. Olasmentina 4 days from
Montevideo bound to Gibraltar at
11 A.M. spoke the Bark Sarah

Lat 31°36' S
Long 44°14' W

Monday 5th

Commenced with light
airs from the S.W. heading S.W. by W.
gathering with the Bark Sarah at sundown
shortened sail latter part still continued
light breezes & fine weather set all sail at 7
A.M. kept off E by S. and the Sarah also
engaged making fore topsail braces &c. saw
grampasses.

Lat 31°26' South
Long 43°30' West

Tuesday 6th

Commenced with light airs & calm
steering E by S. finished and rove the fore
topsail braces and bent a new flying jib
lowered for grampasses without success at sundown
shortened sail and come to on the starboard tack
with main topsail aback heading N.W. by W. latter
part fine weather watch engaged in various duties
all sail set

Lat 31°31' South
Long 43°14' West