

Journal of the Bark John Dawson bound

Saturday May 12th 1866

Commences with light breezes from the Eastward heading S.S.E. Watch engaged working in the rigging & C. rose for fore top gallant braces out of second hand sail. Middle & latter part brisk trades heading S.E. by S. up changed signals with a English Brig steering to the Southward. Ends hazy weather. Pumps attended to

Lat 18° 10' South
Long 36° 18' West

Sunday 13th

Commences with brisk trades heading S.E. by E. Watch engaged working ship inside & C. Middle & latter part fresh trades steering S.E. saw several merchant ship steering to the South. The ship's lee increases. Pumps attended to

Lat 16° 33' South
Long 33° 11' West

Monday 14th

Commences with brisk trades steering S.E. by S. Latter part a little squally took in fore top gallant sail. Watch engaged in various duties saw several vessels steering to the S.W. so ends Pumps attended to

Lat 12° 34' South
Long 34° 38' West

Tuesday 15th

Commences with fine trades and steady weather. Watch engaged setting up mizzen topmast rigging & C. set fore top gallant sail. Middle & latter part fine steady weather. Watch engaged working in the rigging & C. Pumps attended to

Lat 9° 45' South
Long

North James Cattle Master

Wednesday 16th

Commences with fine trades attended with squalls steering S.E. by S. Middle & latter part still squally rose new fore top gallant halyards out of second hand sail. Benjamin & Engord sick off duty Pumps attended to

Lat 7° 06' South
Long 33° 57' West

Thursday 17th

Commences with light baffling winds heading to the Southward. The foreward shroud to the mizzen rigging stranded in the eye put a stopper and caught 40 Porpoises. Middle & latter part light variable air. Watch engaged staying the jibboom and stripping & serving the jib & flying jib stays & C. two vessels in sight working to S.W. Pumps attended to

Lat 6° 40' South
Long 33° 32' West

Friday 18th

Commences with light air & calms. Watch engaged working in the rigging & C. Middle & latter part plenty of rain & steering S.E. Two merchant vessels in sight. Pumps attended to

Lat 6° 20' South
Long 33° 20' West

Saturday 19th

Commences with light air from the Eastward attended with squalls steering S.E. Middle & latter part brisk baffling winds working S.S.E. fair weather. Watch engaged working in the rigging & C. two vessels in sight heading to the S.W. Pumps attended to

Lat 4° 30' South Long 33° 16' West