

Journal of the Bark John Dawson Cruising in the

Friday July 6th 1866

Commenced with light breeze and fine weather from the S.W. heading. By 8 P.M. latter part light breeze from the S.W. heading. Saw a finback and a merchant ship standing to the eastward. Water engaged. Putting rattlings on the main rigging & fine weather. Pump attended to.

Lat 40° 36' North
Long 26° 34' West

Saturday 7th

Commenced with light breeze from the S.W. heading. S.W. water engaged picking over potatoes &c. Middle & latter part light air from the S.W. heading. Steering S.W. by W. lowered for killys without success. Water engaged. Putting rattlings on the main rigging. Put out new jib foot roaps also. Pump attended to. Fine clear weather.

Lat 40° 40' North
Long 27° 32' West

Sunday 8th

Commenced with calm water engaged washing ship inside &c. Latter part light breeze from the S.W. heading. Steering S.W. by W. saw finbacks & several merchant vessels steering to the S.E. fine weather. One of them Portuguese that came on board at Graciosa so got sick. Pump attended to.

Lat 41° 38' North
Long 27° 37' West

North Atlantic Ocean James Cottle Master

Monday 9th

Commenced with light breeze from the S.W. heading. Steering S.W. by W. at dark steering S.W. by W. saw a finback. Latter part fine breeze saw lots of merchant vessels steering to the S.E. and finbacks & Grampasses. Water engaged. Putting rattlings on the main rigging & pump attended to.

Lat 42° 16' North
Long 30° 09' West

Tuesday 10th

Commenced with fine breeze from the S.W. heading. Steering S.W. by W. lots of merchant vessels steering to the S.E. at sundown shortened sail and came to on the port tack heading West. Latter part strong breeze under double reef. By 11 P.M. saw one finback. Fogg weather. Pump attended to.

Lat 42° 18' North
Long 32° 14' West

Wednesday 11th

Commenced with strong breeze from the S.W. heading. By 4 P.M. thick running weather closed reef. The topsails furled. The foresail at 5 P.M. from ship heading S.E. Latter part cleared off some made sail and tacked ship heading W. saw finbacks. Water engaged. Making springer &c at 12 M. tacked ship again heading S.E. by E. foggy weather. Pump attended to.

Lat 42° 20' North
Long 31° 30' West