

Journal of the Bark John Dawson Cruising in the
Thursday July 12th 1866

Commenced with brisk breeze from the S.W. heading S.E. took in light sails. at 4 P.M. set in thick rain weather double reefed the topsails. latter part calm. lower weather water engaged scraping down spare &c. Pumps attended to.

Lat. 42° 28' North
Long 31° 33' West

Friday 13th

Commenced with calm, at 2 P.M. a light air sprang from the North-east steering West. latter part light breeze from the East-south steering S.W. at 8 P.M. Abraham Gifford raised four large sperm whales about 4 miles off, going to the S.W. toward Three Boats and gave chase. at 12 M. saw them from the Boat. no ends with fine weather. Pumps attended to.

Lat 41° 28' North
Long 32° 17' West

Saturday 14th

Commenced with light air from the East-south. chased sperm whales at 2 P.M. our board struck and the star board Boat also a rather, at 3 P.M. took them both along side made them well fast both ends, and took in sail and set the watches mid-part water engaged getting cutting gear ready. at daylight and commenced cutting splendid weather. Pumps attended to.

Lat 41° 48' N
Long 32° 23' West

North Atlantic Ocean James Collie Master

Sunday 15th

Commenced with light breeze from the southward all hands engaged cutting at 9 P.M. knocked off got both body in and one head fast. the watches and mid-part foggy weather watch engaged clearing away the fore &c. latter part calm at 6 P.M. started the works, all hands engaged in boiling and cutting up junk &c. splendid weather Pumps attended to.

Lat 42° 10' North
Long 32° 20'

Monday 16th

Commenced with light air from the Westward, heading Southward after dinner hooked on the other head and took it in, and bailed the case and cut the junk up and set the watches latter part still continued fine weather all hands engaged boiling and hoisting out blubber out the blubber room and cutting it up into horse pieces &c. Pumps attended to.

Lat 41° 35' N
Long 32° 23' W

Tuesday 17th Commenced with moderate breeze from the Westward heading to the S.W. all hands engaged in boiling and cutting up blubber at 2 P.M. run down some oil under the blubber room latter part strong breeze and rugged all hands engaged in boiling and cutting up blubber &c. Pumps attended to.

Lat 41° 38' N
Long 32° 19' W