

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in

Friday August 17th 1866

Commenced with light breezes from the Northward heading to the Westward at 10 P.M. spoke the Brig Julia of Hazel Captain Demmick 8 months out 100 bbls sperm. at sundown shortened sail. latter part fine breezes set all sail heading N. E. Fair weather pumps attended to.

Lat 40° 35' North
Long 36° 52' West

Saturday 18th

Commenced with brisk breezes from the N. W. heading N. E. W. took in light sails. at sundown shortened sail. latter part made sail. at 8 P.M. spoke the Bark Elto Captain Rye 3500 sperm. got a cask of Bread off him. pumps attended to.

Lat 40° 10' North
Long 36° 35' West

Sunday 19th

Commenced with brisk breezes from the N. W. heading N. E. W. started engaged washing ship inside at sundown shortened sail. mid-part blowing strong attended with rain. latter part moderating down fine weather set all sail. saw a Bark standing to the Northward. pumps attended to.

Lat 40° 18' North
Long 36° 52' West

North Atlantic Ocean James Cattle Master

Monday 20th

Commenced with light breezes from the Westward took ship heading N. E. W. mid-part at 11 P.M. doubly reefed the topsails. latter part squally weather heading North. saw two sails standing to the Northward water engaged cleaning iron work a left row new fore & main topsails reefed & closed and main top gallant sheets. pumps attended to. Cooper off duty sick.

Lat 41° 33' North
Long 37° 08' West

Tuesday 21st

Commenced with strong breeze & breezes on from the Westward heading N. E. W. & furled main sail & fore & spanker. at sundown blowing quite fresh took in fore sail and fore topsail & closed reefed the main middle & latter part fresh gales. saw a merchant ship steering to the East-ered pumps attended to.

Lat 41° 20' North
Long 37° 29' West

Wednesday 22nd

Commenced with fresh gales and moderating from the Northward heading N. E. W. set closed reefed topsails & fore sail. latter part light air & calm. sent down the main sail and manded it & sent it again sent down the fore sail to middle sheet. saw Grampasses. I do wish we could get another whale. pumps attended to.

Lat 40° 58' North
Long 38° 10' West