

Journal of the Bark John Dawson Cruising in
Monday Sept 10th 1866

Commenced with fine breeze from the S.W. steering S.W. by E. at 2 P.M. spoke the Bark Osprey 1850 bbls since we last saw her. Luffed by the wind heading to the S.W. latter part brisk breeze & smoky weather water engaged breaking out for water & pumps attended to.

Lat 39°32' North
Long 42°00' West

Tuesday 11th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the S.W. heading to the S.W. by E. commenced with the Osprey. Mid part rainy weather latter part at 4 P.M. cleared off wind veered to the S.W. steering S.W. made sail. Pumps attended to.

Lat 39°45' North
Long 43°25' West

Wednesday 12th

Commenced with fine breeze from the S.W. steering S.W. water engaged rising up fore & main masts to sheath the foretop sail with mid part rainy latter part cleared off calm the Osprey in sight water engaged in various duties. Saw Grampasses Pumps attended to.

Lat 39°25' North
Long 45°39' West

The North Atlantic Ocean James C. O'Brien master

Thursday 13th

Commenced with a light air from the S.W. steering S.W. sent down main top gallant stay sail and ripld it up to sheath the foretop sail with. Middle & latter part continues with light air & calms water engaged in various duties Saw Grampasses splendid weather and no whales Pumps attended to.

Lat 38°42' North
Long 48°50' West

Friday 14th

Commenced with light air from the Northward steering S.W. by E. engaged flashing the head sails & sent down foretop sail to repair and bent the old one Osprey in sight latter part very light breeze from the Eastward steering S.W. by E. water engaged sheathing a topsail & saw Blackfish going quick to the Northward. splendid weather. Pumps attended to.

Lat 37°05' North
Long 44°14' West

Saturday 15th

Commenced with light air from the Eastward steering S.W. by E. lowered for Blackfish without success. took in the starboard Boat to drossail. latter part weather still continued fine finished the Boat & put her on the crane again and also the topsail and bent it. Pumps attended to.

Lat 37°17' North
no Long.