

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in
Friday Sept 28 1866.



Commenced with light
breeze from the Southward steering East lowered
and Starboard Boat caught a Blackfish and took
him on board at sundown shortened sail. Starboard
in sight. Latter part fine breeze set all sail
and steered S. by E. water engaged. Bringing
out black fish pluck and broke out for water
saw two merchant vessels.

Lat 36°30 North
Long 44°26 West

Saturday 29th

Commenced with fine breeze
from the Westward steering S. by E. water
engaged taring down heads stays, &c. at 5 P.M.
Spoke the Schooner ^{Sunder} R. Smith of Boston Captain
Cook 10 months out 200 spm at sundown
shortened sail and come to heading S. by N.
latter part bearably windy and rainy weather
heading East. The Bark Starford in sight
Pumps attended to.

Lat

Sunday 30th

Commenced with light
bearable wind and thick weather water engaged
washing ship in side & c saw Blackfish going
quick to the windward, middle & latter part
briak breeze from the S. by E. heading E. S. E.
cloudy weather Pumps attended to

Lat 36°30 North
Long 48°13 West

the North Atlantic Ocean James Cottle ^{master}

Monday October 1st

Commenced with
briak breeze from the Eastward heading
S. E. saw a Ship back at 5 P.M. tacked
ship heading S. by E. The Bark Starford
in sight at sundown shortened sail. Latter
part fresh breeze from the S. by E. steering
E. by E. two vessels in sight water engaged
taring down rigging & c. Pumps attended to

Lat 37°40 North
Long 42°25 West

Tuesday 2^d

Commenced with strong breeze
and squally weather wind hauling to the
Westward steering N. E. double reefed the
topsails. The Starford and a whaling schooner
in sight at sundown closed reefed the main
topsails & furled the fore & fore sail also &
come to on the starboard tack heading South
latter part still continues strong breeze
and veered to the Starboard at 7 A.M. wore
ship heading E. by N. had some rain squalls
set double reefed topsails. a Bark in sight Pumps
attended to.

Lat 38°08 North
Long 41°54 West

Wednesday 3^d

Commenced with strong breeze
from the N. by E. heading East water engaged
clearing iron work & c. latter part wind
hauling to the Eastward heading S. by E.
water engaged taring rigging & c. Pumps
attended to

Lat 38°30 North
Long 41°35 West