

Journal of the Bark John Lawson, cruising in the North

Thursday Oct 4th 1866

Commenced with fresh breeze from the Eastward heading N.N.E. water engaged cleaning iron work &c at sundown shortened sail. were on another bandage, it seems to be bandage all the time with us now. latter part strong breeze from the Southward and squally and bad weather under short sail steering East Pumps attended to

Lat 39° 34' North
Long 40° 49' West

Friday 5th

Commenced with moderate gales from the Southward and bad weather furler fore sail & fore topsail and hove to heading E.S.E. at sundown closed reefed the main top sail. mid-part moderated latter part fine weather set all sail steering E.S.E. saw Whales water engaged cleaning iron work &c Pumps attended to.

Lat 39° 30' North
Long 39° 18' West

Saturday 6th

Commenced with fine breeze from the Southward steering E.S.E. water engaged painting iron work &c at sundown shortened sail heading E.S. spoke the Bark Sarah at 10 P.M. were ship heading N.N.W. latter part strong breeze and foggy weather at 11 P.M. wind veered around to the E.N.E. and thick rainy weather heading North and breeze on. Pumps attended to. No obs.

Atlantic Ocean James Cottle Master

Sunday 7th

Commenced with strong breeze from the Eastward heading to the Northward thick rainy weather, took in all sail but fore sail & double reefed main - topsail, at dark blowing moderate gales. Dried the fore sail and closed reefed the main - topsail, and took the Boat up & c. mid-part wind veered around to the S.W. and moderating at 2 P.M. were ship heading West latter part strong breeze set double reefed topsails. the ground looks dead, not even a Porpoise to be seen. smoky weather Pumps attended to.

Lat 40° 22' North
Long 41° 08' West

Monday 8th

Commenced with strong breeze from the S.W. at 1 P.M. were ship heading E.S.E. the Bark in sight at sundown closed reefed the topsails mid- & latter part thick weather and rain squalls at intervals under short sail. two whales in sight Pumps attended to.

No obs.

Tuesday 9th

Commenced with light breeze from the Southward heading E.S.E. rainy weather. at 5 P.M. spoke the Bark Aspray, she has taken a 80 barrel whale since we last saw her. latter part wind from the S.E. and foggy weather broke out for water and sent the fore sail down to repair, steering S.W.

Lat 39° 48' North
Long 40° 34' West