

Journal of a Whaling Voyage in the Brig *Thetis*

Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> Lat 31-00 N Long 51-18 W  
 This day fine breeze and pleasant from the S.W.  
 standing on the third heading to the Westward  
 until 7 P.M. Steered S.W. at 7 were 200 and  
 luffed to the wind heading S.E. saw two  
 merchant vessels one heading to the Eastward  
 and one to the Westward. The water looking good.

Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> Lat 31-58 N Long 51-18 W  
 fine breeze and pleasant from the S.E. steering E.S.E.  
 until 7 Shortened sail and luffed to the  
 wind heading to the Eastward. Nothing in  
 sight. The water looking very good. Purled  
 and spliced the Forelegant back stay.

Monday July 14<sup>th</sup> Lat 32-15 N Long 51-05 W  
 This day fine breeze and pleasant from the  
 Eastward heading to the S.E. saw 1 Grampaded  
 at 5 P.M. Gannet with the A. Sealion 25 months  
 out 700. Spasm

Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup> Lat 31-40 N Long 51-25 W  
 This day fine breeze and pleasant from the  
 Eastward heading to the Southward. The  
 ground looking very good with flying fish  
 and some flying squid. Saw one sail  
 heading to the Northward.

Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> Lat 32-40 N Long 51-44 W  
 This day fine breeze from the Eastward standing on  
 the wind heading to the Southward. Spurred  
 with the Blake W. H. Dolphin. 30. H. Altamaha  
 nose. at 7 Shortened sail and stood to the N.E.

Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup> Lat 31-12 N Long 51-46 W  
 This day pleasant from the Eastward standing  
 on the wind tack and tack. The Dolphin  
 Blake and Altamaha in sight. saw nothing else.  
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Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> Lat 31-48 N Long 51-48 W  
 Light breeze and pleasant from the S.E.  
 heading to the E.S.E. one sail in sight  
 to the leeward.

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Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> Lat 31-08 N Long 51-22 W  
 This day fine breeze from the Westward, steering  
 E.S.E. until 7 P.M. Shortened sail heading  
 to the Northward. Repaired the Mainmast stay  
 set up the Main Mast and Main  
 degalant stays, and Mainmast Back stays,  
 one sail in sight.

Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> Lat N Long W  
 This day fresh breeze and some squally with some  
 from the Westward. steering E.S.E. until 7 P.M.  
 luffed to the wind heading S.W.  
 saw two sails. merchantmen.

Monday July 21<sup>st</sup> Lat 31-5-2 N Long 49-45 W  
 This day fine breeze and pleasant from the  
 S.W. steering to the E.S.E. at 1 P.M. sighted a large  
 school of sperm whales lowered and chased  
 them until sun-down but did not get fast  
 about 40 bl. whales and a large school.  
 saw a merchant ship steering to the Northward and  
 Westward so ended this day. Shortened sail  
 and stood to the Southward and Eastward.

Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> Lat 31-31 N Long 49-25 W  
 This day fine breeze and pleasant from the  
 S.W. standing on the third tack and tack  
 picked up a bl. of GARD. so ended this day.

Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> Lat 31-37 N Long 49-16 W  
 This day fine breeze and some squally from  
 the S.W. steering to the Northward.  
 saw gumped

Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup> Lat 33-00 N Long 49-15 W  
 This day fresh breeze from the S.W. steering  
 S.W. and S.E. saw small  
 white water. Grampaded or something else  
 about the same side. so ended this day.