

Journal of a Whaling Voyage by Thomas O. Ruffe

Aug. 1839	Ship Grand Turk	1839	Wind	Course	Lat Long
Mon 3	Shortened Sail very Squally and Cold		W N E		40.30 South West
Tue 4	Very Strong breeze Cold and Squally close reefed topsails Foresail and Spruce		N E	East	South Pacific
Wed 5	More Moderate Squally and cold		N E	East	Ocean
Thurs 6	More Moderate Squally		N E	East	
Fri 7	Moderate breeze		N E	East	
Sat 8	Light wind		N E		45.57
Sun 9	A heavy gale old board away head sails				
Mon 10	Rainy blowing a heavy gale		N W		
Tue 11	A. M. Moderate P. M. a strong breeze Squally		S W	E	
Wed 12	A fine moderate breeze		W S W	E	47.46
Thurs 13	Last night the wind was light and variable this morning it settled to a steady breeze and came on to blow a gale. Parted jibstay and foretopmast sheet very rainy		N E		
Fri 14	Wind moderate hauled at 4 A. M. Parted main topsail sheet		N W	East	
Sat 15	Cloudy and cold a strong breeze		N W	East	
Sun 16	A strong breeze Cloudy and cold with rain		N		
Mon 17	Cloudy and cold wind light and variable		W		
Tue 18	Wind light Day moderate some rain in the morning then hauled		N E		
Wed 19	Day fair and moderate wind very light close hauled		N E		
Thurs 20	A strong breeze variable squally then hauled				48.53

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Wed 21	Cold and cloudy with some rain Blowing a gale Shortened sail		W N E		South Pacific
Thurs 22	Thick and wet wind moderate hauled at 1 A. M.		N E	East	Ocean
Fri 23	Wind moderate foggy and sunshine at intervals variable from S. W. to N. W.		W N E	East	49.06 133.40 South West
Sat 24	Wind hauled round at 3 A. M. a strong breeze rain		W N E	East	Ocean
Sun 25	Wind moderate weather clear just at sun down we lowered for a sperm whale but without success		W		
Mon 26	Foggy a little rain a stiff breeze To night I was sent into the fore and watch the boat there being sick		N	East	
Tue 27	A fine stiff breeze		W S W		
Wed 28	Wind light Day cloudy		N W	E	
Thurs 29	A strong breeze violent squalls at 11 P. M. wind hauled in tremendous squalls to S. W. with hail rain and snow all hands were called we came up under and helped to shorten sail. We lost main sail and main top gallant sail. Top foretop sail and Miz top gallant sail very cold		W S W	E	
Fri 30	Wind blowing a gale but other sails Double reefed topsails		S S W	East	
Sat 31	More moderate set top gallant sails		W N W	East	
Sept 1	Squally Shortened sail rainy and hail snow		W N W	East	49.48 103.50
Mon 2	Wind light and variable in the forenoon strong N. W. in the afternoon		N W	E	
Tue 3	Blowing heavy rainy with snow squalls Larboard boat got stove saw a school of black fish		N W		