

Journal of a Whaling Voyage by Thomas O. Neff

Sept 1837	Ship	Grand Turk	1837	Wind	Course	Lat	Long
Wed 4	A fine breeze	Took in the boats put them overboard		E	57.30	98	South West
Thurs 5	A fine breeze	Put a new main sail		S.W	E		St. John's
Frid 6	A stiff breeze	Cloudy and cold		W	E	52.40	96
Sat 7	Cloudy and cold	A strong breeze		S.W	E		
Sun 8	Cloudy foggy and cold	Blowing again		W	E		
Mon 9	Foggy and rainy	Wind moderate		S.W			
Tues 10	Morning fair	Afternoon cloudy		S.W	E	53.69	97
Wed 11	Blowing a gale	towards night more moderate		N.W	E		
Thurs 12	Moderate and dry	Supposed to be off the patch of cake horn		W	E	57.15	68
Frid 13	Cloudy a fine breeze			W.N.W	E		
Sat 14	Spoke Brig Varney of London	outwards bound. Blowing heavy		N.W	E	55.56	62.10
		Double reefed the topsail					South Atlantic Ocean
Sun 15	Wind very light	showing very hard		N.E	E	56.23	
Mon 16	Fair but cold	on the wind		N.E	E	56.40	58
Tues 17	A strong breeze	The day passed		N	E	57.43	
Wed 18	Cloudy and cold	Moderate Put boats on the cranes		W.N.W	E	58.50	
Thurs 19	Spoke Brig Sherwin of New York	from Guaymas to Liverpool					St. John's
Frid 20	Fair and cold	Moderate. Chased a school of sperm whales		N.W			

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Sat 21	Generally fair	but cold		Wind variable			South West
Sun 22	A strong breeze	from 6 A.M.		N.W			
Mon 23	Fair and moderate	very fine breeze				54.30	
	Saw sperm whale						South Atlantic Ocean
	Starboard boat	stuck but got					
	stuck by his jaw						
	largest boat	priced up the crew took them aboard					
	went back and killed the whale						
	we had only two boats in the first place						
	but in part of our whale						
	had to go overboard 6 times						
	very cold in the afternoon						
Tues 24	Cut in the rest of our whale			N.W	E	44.14	
	Morning had to go overboard three times						
	making nine times in all						
	Let the cast go						
Wed 25	Light light	Saw sperm whales		N.W		43.15	
	Spared with the only boat we had						
	looked for our men						
	they were getting on						
	best fly by main						
	top gallant sail						
Thurs 26	A light breeze	tacked stood		N.W	E	N.W	
	finishing trying out						
	cloudy water green						
	ship on the false banks						
Frid 27	Morning rainy	foggy cold		W			
	Have our dry wares						
Sat 28	Last night wind	hauled at 10 P.M.		S.W	E		
	two casks on deck						
	fetched away						
	we knocked the heads in						
	and let the sperm oil						
	run out of the scupper						
	the casks in the blubber						
	room fetched away						
	we stave the heads						
	out of two casks of water						
	and one of oil						
	and let it run down						
	to the pumps						
	blowing a furious gale						
	lost gangway						
Sun 29	Threw down our oil			S.E	N	37.08	41.00
	stayed light						
Mon 30	Threw down and			N.W		35.58	
	cleaned up decks						
	A fine breeze						