

Journal of a Whaling Voyage by Thos. O. Rieffe

| 1840.     | Ship Grand Port. July                                                                                                                                                  | Wind | Course | Lat   | Long  |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|
|           |                                                                                                                                                                        |      |        | North | West  |
| Thurs 9   | Went out on black fish made us nearly 9 barrels & light breeze took the sail and boat crew                                                                             | N.E. | SW     | 49.27 | 25.30 |
| Frid 10   | To N. N. W. strong breeze very rainy, P. M. & light breeze a thick fog shortened sail boat crew                                                                        | N.   |        |       |       |
| Sat 11    | Very light breeze, a thick fog spoke a brig, carry vessel of Belfast, heading to Portland, lay in the sail in light and a few back took to sail, made boat crew        | W    |        | 48.30 | 26.00 |
| Sun 12    | A light breeze & thick fog in sun hump, and few back at midnight heard a fall, Luke could not see the sail took in sail boat crew                                      |      |        |       |       |
| Mon 13    | A fine breeze, a thick fog in sun hump, and few back cannot see all night, rainy                                                                                       | W    | N.E.   | 46.50 | 25.20 |
| Tuesd. 14 | Blowing very hard double reefed topsails & M. Rainy, S. M. very squally cold cannot sail all night picked up, an crew by hand                                          | W    | SW     | 50.12 | 25.10 |
| Wed. 15   | Very strong breeze, squally to N. W. on the wind, topsails, back aboard cold, a ship to light standing to north west, thick a porpoise, and crew cannot sail all night | W    | SW     | 50.15 | 25.10 |



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| Thurs 16 | A strong breeze cold, at night took to fog & sail in light on the wind North Atlantic                                                                  |      |        | 53.28 | 26.03 |
| Frid 17  | A strong breeze cold double reefed topsails, thick fog, at 12. Midnight took to fog, and thick topsails                                                |      |        | 54.30 | 26.50 |
| Sat 18   | A strong breeze, at 8 A.M. the ship cold, a sail to light                                                                                              | N.W. | SW     | 55.05 | 26.30 |
| Sun 19   | A whole sail breeze, sun turned in, sun 5.35, back and porpoise, a sail in light cold                                                                  |      |        | 57.50 | 27.50 |
| Mon 20   | Lowered for black fish, bow boat struck and saved, starboard boat got two want boat one, starboard boat one, then in a strong breeze porpoise in light | N.E. | SW     | 58.02 | 28.19 |
| Tues 21  | Lowered for black fish without success, a light breeze, calm at 6 A.M. light breeze, sun                                                               |      |        | 50.17 | 28.25 |
| Wed. 22  | A strong breeze, a few back in light, hazy with fog                                                                                                    | N.E. | SW     | 48.50 | 26.38 |
| Thurs 23 | Went out black fish made 8 barrels, a boom, and by day                                                                                                 |      |        | 49.11 | 26.3  |
| Frid 24  | A light breeze, sun, a hump, back, warm, and clear                                                                                                     | W    | SW     | 48.16 | 25.40 |
| Sat 25   | A fine porpoise and killer, spoke a ship, had sound no had sun spun whole, thuday before behind, but took in sail boat crew                            | N.W. | W      | 49.20 | 26.57 |

