

Journal of a Whaling Voyage by Thos. O'Keefe

1840 Ship Grand Turk July Wind calm Lat Long North West

Sund 26 A strong breeze from the N. No. 1. 48.08 23.07
The ship was in sight at 10 AM. at
sun down took in sail North Atlantic

Mon 27 A strong breeze on the wind No 48.20
Cloudy cool. A sail in sight
and a ship took in sail

Tues 28 A nice breeze on the wind No 48.00 22.43
Foggy in sight. A sail at
night

Wed 29 A M. breeze from the N. No 48.30 24.50
Foggy at 4 P. M. wind hauled
in light breeze

Thurs 30 A light breeze from the N. No 47.00 25.41
Spent and two sail sent up for
and hauled in topgallant. Masts
and yards set out of the gib beam

Frid 31 Breeze from the N. No 46.28 24.10
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Sat 1 A very light breeze warm No 45.15 23.50
Saw a school of grampuses. Ship
jacks and flying fish

Sun 2 A very light breeze warm No 44.38 23.39
A sail in sight. Ship jacks
and flying fish
The Brig. Wallard
of Wallabout bound to
New York 15 days
from Liverpool



Mon 3 A very light breeze warm No 43.5 23.42
Saw a school of grampuses
two sail, and a turtle

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Tues 4 A M. light breeze from No 42.53 25.10
South west. Sent up for and
hauled in royal masts. A M. North Atlantic
A double reefed topsail breeze N. No 42.53 25.10
Took in gib and main sail

Wed 5 A strong breeze from the N. No 40.23 26.13
at 4 P. M.

Thurs 6 At 2 P. M. hauled to the wind Western Islands
hauled the head yards aback
at 4 P. M. a day, again made
Perceval in the course of the
forenoon made St. George's
graceous. Rio, and Fayal
at 4 P. M. in sight. Black
fish, grampuses and porpoises
A light breeze warm

Frid 7 Close to the land saw grampuses and black fish
Elizabeth of New London 10 weeks
out from Cape
to Bourque Dragon
of New Bedford
No 46. Spent at 9 P. M. 4 P. M.
and yards kept her to sea
two other ships in sight

John O'Keefe of New London

Sat 8 A pleasant breeze cloudy No 37.25 30.00
Saw a school of grampuses
and a sword fish

Sun 9 A strong breeze on the N. No 34.53 30.55
wind. At different tasks
Saw three sail and a school
of grampuses cloudy

Mon 10 A strong breeze, as yesterday & day on the wind. Saw a school of grampuses. Cloudy No 37.25 31.00