

Journal of A Whaling Voyage by Thomas O. Hopper

1840	Ship	Grand Turk	December	Date	Course	Lat	Long
						North	West
Tues 1	Made sail at daylight & strong breeze	Chased right	104	South	37.25	2.2	
	Saw a great many hump backs and porpoise. Took in sail at sun down. Hood boat crew						
Wed 2	At sea. Strong breeze a thick fog. M. made sail moderate and clear. Saw two backs killed a porpoise at sun down. Shortened sail and let her go on her course		36.18	30			
Thurs 3	At strong breeze. Saw fin backs and porpoise. B. & blowing heavy with in sail. Hood boat crew		35.35	20	East		
Frid 4	Double reefed top sail. Breeze from new fin backs and porpoise. Took in sight. Herring & w. killed a porpoise. Took up the top sail took in the gill and main sail. Hood boat crew				No Observation		
Sat 5	Made sail at daylight & strong breeze. Saw hump and fin backs at 6. M. passed. Hood to the northward. Shortened sail at sun down		34.26				
Sun 6	Made sail at daylight. A strong breeze. Rugged and cold. Saw a big Herring. South east sea hump and fin backs. Took a porpoise and down carried sail all night. Hood whole watches. L. dark aboard.		35.16	1.00			
Mon 7	At strong breeze. Saw a great many hump and fin backs. Killed a porpoise. Struck two others and let them carried sail all night		35.35	35	West		

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Tues 8	A bright breeze lowered for right whales chased without success. Lowered a second time they turned into many backs. carried sail all night				S. W.	South Atlantic	
Wed 9	A light breeze foggy. Saw a great many hump and fin backs carried sail all night					36.27	2.03
Thurs 10	A light breeze raised right when saw a hump back. Hood and boat took the board. Hood then lowered. Starboard and hood boat struck him. The second killed by Mr. Dean. Saw cut in sea a great many hump and fin backs. double reefed the top sail. Hood along a the wind. Starboard tack, aboard					37.27	2.31
Frid 11	Blowing a double reefed top sail. Breeze rising and foggy trying out at 2 P.M. Hood down. At 7 P.M. drop started the works. Saw whales supposed to be right whales. foggy and rugged to lower here to at night				No Observation		
Sat 12	Strong breeze could not see in any whales trying out. Starboard tack. Hood at sun down took in sail					37.7	3.15
Sun 13	At strong breeze at 10.00. M. in out. Killed a porpoise. Saw a hump back. Starboard tack, aboard. Hood in sail at sun down					38.4	3.54