

Journal of a Whaling Voyage by Thomas O'Haffer

1841	Ship Grand Turk February	Wind course Lat. Long.	South West
Sat 6	Last night we had a total eclipse of the Moon afterwards it began to rain, rained all the forenoon. Lowered a boat for a turtle but he was gone before we could get to him. Saw a Spout of an off he told what it was a Light breeze carried. Sail all night	Lat 35.20 39.35	South Atlantic
Sund 7	A very Light breeze warm. Saw a red for a turtle but without the off. Saw a few flying fish in ship's wake	Lat 36.5 39.5	
Mon 8	A very Light breeze warm. Saw some squid and porpoise in the evening very warm	Lat 35.12 39.47	
Tues 9	A very Light breeze very warm. Saw a school of great fish and some squid. Spike big fella of New Bedford 100 lbs. of Spence big 5 months out. Also big Thomas Minslow of New Bedford 370 lbs. Spence big 6 months out. Heard from Barth Marcell of New Bedford 300 lbs. Spence big 6 months out. Saw a school of killers	Lat 35.17 39.20	
Wed 10	A strong breeze cloudy double reefed topsails. No whales in sight. In the wind. Laid out racks aboard	Lat 35.20 39.6	
Thurs 11	A strong breeze cloudy. In the morning a heavy gale with rain. How hot to under close reefed main topsail	Lat 35.00 39.45	

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Wed 12	A strong breeze. Blow SE. ing a smart gale in the afternoon. Took in all. in except foretop. South Atlantic. mast staysail and close reefed main topsail. Took up. Starboard tack. being aboard at Sun down took Starboard tack. Laid up. Coals. Set foretop sail close reefed also Mizzen and fore Spenser. Squally with rain	Lat 35.30 36.49	
Thurs 13	A very strong breeze with rain. SE. Ch. 32.65 35.21. Squally. Carried double reefed topsails. Mizzen and main. Sail could not carry the foresail on account of the sea boat being turned up.	Lat 32.65 35.21	
Fri 14	A very strong breeze. Rugged. SE. Ch. 31.15 33.28. a topsail schooner standing as we were. No whales or any kind of fish in sight. Laid down boats. Set the foresail	Lat 31.15 33.28	
Sat 15	A very strong breeze. Rugged. SE. Ch. 30.5 31.50. Carried single reefed topsails. Down on the wind. Starboard tack. aboard. No whales. No any kind of fish in sight. We are now anxious to be at an other large whale to pay up for our hard luck on the last fellow. I hope we shall see one tomorrow. If we do we will run him hard	Lat 30.5 31.50	
Sun 16	A very strong breeze. Clear. Ch. 28.20 31.20. We reefed topsails. Put a light breeze. Tacked ship at 2 PM. Saw a few flying fish and porpoise. No whales in sight. At 7 PM. Wind hauled in a heavy rain. Squally at 5 PM. Hauled	Lat 28.20 31.20	