

Journal of a Whaling Voyage by Thos. O'Keefe

1841	Ship	Grand Turk	March	Wind	Course	Lat.	Long.
						South	West
Mon 1	6	Light breeze with rain squalls	SE	24.25	50	11.50	
		Saw porpoise and flying fish cool and cloudy no whales in sight nor anything to break the South Atlantic summer day					
Tues 2	1	Light breeze. Saw flying fish and dolphins hooked up two they got clear afterwards	SE	24.24	40	16.5	
Wed 3	6	Very light breeze. Saw a school of grampuses and flying fish. I believe that we have got the South East trade winds but they are very light	SE	24.20	16.0		
Thurs 4	6	Light breeze. Saw flying fish and dolphins also a large shark. In PM a dead calm not an air of wind very warm	SE	24.16			
Frid 5	6	Light breeze. Saw some jumpers and dolphins also porpoise in AM crossed the tropic of Cancer	SE	23.40			
Sat 6	6	Light breeze. Nothing in sight very warm	SE	22.56	15.12		
Sun 7	6	Very light breeze. Nothing in sight on the wind. Starboard tack aboard	SE	22.10	14.20		
Mon 8	6	Light breeze. Saw flying fish. we find that it is impossible for us to get to Saint Helena now we have been steering to Eastward there being and we are making about as much Latitude as Longitude at 4 PM we squared away for Ascension Tent up foremast. Shuddered sail and main top gallant shuddering sail. Let her slide	SE	21.20	13.31		

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Tues 7	6	Light breeze. Saw flying fish and some birds no whales in sight	SE	24.00	13.35		
Wed 10	6	Light breeze with rain squalls at 2 past 1 PM sighted a school of Sperm whales. Lowered all four boats & chased without success at 4 PM raised on shore school chased until sun down but with the same hard luck bird and away we got a board the whales were school to the South East	SE	19.25	13.33		
Thurs 11	6	Light breeze with rain squalls without success and lost another saw grampuses and flying fish	SE	15.35	13.52		
Frid 12	6	Very light breeze with rain squalls variable. Saw flying fish	SE	14.00	14.00		
Sat 13	6	Light breeze cloudy. Saw many Albatross and many flying fish without success and many Sperm whales and some others	SE	13.05	13.46		
Sun 14	6	Light breeze. Saw flying fish. No whales in sight. Rather larger than a flying fish	SE	11.30	14.03		
Mon 15	6	Light breeze. Saw flying fish and porpoise and some land birds	SE	9.30	14.11		
Tues 16	6	Light breeze. Saw flying fish at 2 past 4 PM. Made land sight ahead came to anchor under the fat in 12 1/2 fathoms water went ashore got some water very warm the water on liberty	SE				Ascension