

Journal of a Whaling voyage by Thomas O'Rourke

1841	Ship Grand Turk May	Wind	Course	Lat	Long
				North	West
Wed 19	A Pleasant breeze. At day light we were close to the land ran along the bay but could not see any whales. Saw porpoise and cow fish and some squid few sail in sight. Spied a fishing boat belonging to the bay they had seen the whales. Hoisted our sail. At sun down hoisted sail.				
Thurs 20	A strong breeze cloudy under the lee of the land. Saw hump and fin backs. Some porpoise and squid at sun down we were a long way from the land. began to the northern ground. On the wind Larboard tack aboard, carried sail at night.				
Frid 21	Blowing a double reefed topsail. No breeze. No land nor any other thing worthy of notice in sight at 2 P.M. was ship. Larboard tack aboard carried sail at night.				
Sat 22	Throat calm. No whales in sight. A distant four topmast stay sail fore sail and topsail. Mizen top sail and Mizzen topgallant sail and sent other.				
Sun 23	A light breeze. Saw a fin back. N.E. and porpoise also some squid.				
Mon 24	A very light breeze. Tacked. Ship to several times. Saw some squid a fin back porpoise a shark and a sun fish and a school of herring.				
Tues 25	A very light breeze cloudy in the N. Wind Larboard tack aboard. Saw some squid, porpoise and a sun fish also some drift wood.				

Saint Michael

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Wed 26	A light breeze on the wind. Starboard tack aboard. Saw some porpoise and a fin back.				
Thurs 27	A light breeze. A sail in sight. N. Seen some grampuses, porpoise and a great quantity of sun. Squale on the wind. Some times starboard and sometimes larboard tack aboard.				
Frid 28	At 4 A.M. wind hauled in E. a fair storm, and was steady till the forenoon a light breeze. P.M. wind variable at sun down a strong steady breeze. Saw some porpoise grampuses and sun. Squale.				
Sat 29	A strong breeze foggy and rainy. Two ships in sight. On the wind Larboard tack aboard.				
Sun 30	A strong breeze variable and cloudy. Saw some porpoise. Four ships in sight at sun down wind hauled to the W. at 8. Went a steady breeze.				
Mon 31	A light breeze. A sail in sight. Saw some porpoise. Layer of early sunset light, and saw boats for black fish without success. Saw light vessels all bound to different places. Lowered starboard boat picked up an empty gun box. The pump was taken out but they left the straw and coals for our share. At sun down a thick fog could not see a cable length ahead.				