

Journal of A Whaling Voyage by Thos. O'Rourke

1841 Ship Grand Turk June wind calm Lat Long North West

Mon 1 A. H. Blowing a heavy breeze took the sun 16.30 26.11
in sail. P.M. Moderate and pleasant made up sail at sun down North Atlantic
a very light breeze seen a few back

Tues 2 A very light breeze Ten persons Saw 16.25 26.55
at sun down lowered all four
boats for black fish. Starboard
boat struck and killed two
boat killed and saved two
and bow boat killed and saved
one hoisted all four on deck
and cut off the blubber
we have made a beginning in this
Northern ground. Hope it will end as
well as it did last season (saveling a man)

Thurs 3 A thick fog blowing heavy here to I
under short sail. Sailed at 10
and black fish set the watch
boats crews

Frid 4 Made sail at day foggy blowing heavy
seen two sail and some
grampus. Spent night at a long
cane and sailed at 10.00
Weanna be thought we were
within at Skindown nearly calm
could sail all night day with
our main yard a back. boats crews

Sat 5 A very light breeze a thick fog. Saw 16.10
saw a yard and ran off.
Saw grampus and fish.
Saw down hoisted a back man
yard. Good boats crews

Sun 6 A very light breeze foggy. Seen two. Saw 16.10
sail and some grampus. At sun
down double reefed the topsails
and set her with her course all
night. Stood boat crews

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Mon 7 A strong breeze foggy. Saw a
great many seals. Sailed to all
parts and a few back.
At sun down took in sail
have to and lay all night
tried out our black fish

Tues 8 A very light breeze. Made sail (clouds) 16.00 25.50
hoisted topsail. Blowing hard
Saw a great many seals but no
whale. At sun down took in sail

Wed 9 Made sail at daylight. A strong breeze
seen three sail and a few
back. At sun down double reefed
the topsails stood boats crews

Thurs 10 Made sail at day light. a light breeze
Saw a sail standing to the
Eastward. Looked for black fish
without success. At sun down
double reefed the topsails and
stood to the eastward

Frid 11 A strong breeze. Made sail at
daylight. Looked for the yards
and ran on our course carried
sail all night

Sat 12 A light breeze. Seen a great I
many ships but no whales.
At 10 past 7 P.M. raised black
fish. Lowered all four boats.
Starboard boat got on starboard
boat got waist boat on and
bow boat two hope them on
deck and set the watch

Sun 13 A pleasant breeze. Seen a great I
many seals but not the
sign of a fish nor any other
thing that will make oil