

Journal of a Whaling Voyage by Thomas O. Neff

1841	Ship Grand Turk, July	wind	course	Lat	Long
				North	West
Sat 24	A light breeze and a thick fog. Saw a great many porpoise and Grampus also some fin backs. Two sail in sight. Ran different courses all day. Made sail at sun down.	W	E	48.15	25.15
				Lat	Long
Sun 25	Made sail at daylight a thick fog. Ran different courses all day. Saw a great many Grampus. At 2 P.M. saw sperm whales. Harbored boat struck afterwards. Waist Larboard and bow boats. Killed by Captain Taylor took turn, alongside, took in sail at sun down.	W		48.10	25.30
Mon 26	A light breeze. Saw some hump & fin backs also Grampus. But in evening began to try out.	W		48.00	25.29
Tue 27	A strong breeze. Trying out had to cool a down and hot as it baked the sail. At 3 P.M. raised sperm whales. Lowered all four boats. Waist boat struck. In day to windward. Ship came on a thick fog and he had to cut. Shortened sail at sun down.	W		48.05	25.21
Wed 28	A light breeze. Trying out. Saw some porpoise in w also hump and fin backs. Two sail in sight.	W		47.56	25.44
Thurs 29	A light breeze. Saw a great many hump and Grampus. Two sail in sight. Got all tried out stowed some oil. At sun down shortened sail.	W		47.50	25.53
Fri 30	A strong breeze. Foggy. Saw some fin backs & and hump. Stowed the remainder of our oil.	W		48.40	25.30
Sat 31	A strong breeze. Nothing in sight. What can be profitable to us. To end, July.	W		47.30	25.20

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1841	Ship Grand Turk, August	wind	course	Lat	Long
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Sun 1	A strong breeze with rain squalls. Saw hump and fin backs, also porpoise and Grampus. Two sail in sight. Took in sail at sun down.	W		48.20	25.15
Mon 2	Blowing a heavy gale took in all sail except the close reefed main topsail and fore spruce. Rotor saw Goddard's main top gallant. Should and Spunkboom. Guy. Saw some fin backs. Two sail in sight.	W		48.30	
Tue 3	A dead calm with a heavy swell and sea foggy. Made sail for some fin backs. And a school of blackfish. At 11 P.M. blowing a heavy gale from the under close reefed main topsail and fore spruce. Larboard took aboard.	W		49.00	25.30
Wed 4	A long heavy gale. Turned up Larboard waist, and bow boats. Spoke Barque Brig of Saint John's New Brunswick bound to Liverpool. When she spoke it was blowing a living gale. She carried close reefed topsails and was going. Would think twice knots an hour.	W			
Thurs 5	Woe Moderate with a heavy swell. Three sail in sight. At 11 P.M. raised sperm whales. Chased with all four boats. Without success. At 4 P.M. raised them again. Chased with Larboard against and bow boats. At sun down bow boat struck. Tried to kill him had to cut. When it grew dark got aboard at 10 P.M. Took in sail. Well be an all bird. So I bid you good night.	W			



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