

Journal of A Whaling Voyage by Thomas O'Keefe

1841	Ship Grand Turk August	Wind	Course	Lat.	Long.
				North	West
Tues 6	A strong breeze very rugged ground to Spinnaker. Laid out boat & struck and drew down a board and took in sail a thick fog. Shortly after it cleared away a little in other words came close to the ship Lowered Laid out and bow boat. Laid out boat got close to but did not strike. He went off to windward			48.30	22.57
Wed 7	A strong breeze. Seen some fin backs to day. We took out our boats first and set a new one in its place. Took in sail at sun down			48.30	23.5
Thurs 8	A strong breeze. Seen a fin back a sail in in sight at 7 A.M. Squared the yards and ran different courses all day. Took in sail at sun down	SE	48.5	23.31	SE
Fri 9	Blowing a heavy gale here to Lark. We board took aboard. Saw some porpoise a sail in sight			48.50	22.5
Sat 10	A.M. Blowing very heavy storm up. Laid out boat. A.M. Made late nothing in sight			48.30	22.50
Sun 11	A strong breeze. Made sail at day light light. Saw ships in sight. Seen a fin back and a school of grampuses Took in sail at sun down	SE	47.58	23.0	
Mon 12	Blowing a heavy gale here to Lark. We sacks aboard. Saw some fin backs, and a sail			48.20	22.55
Tues 13	Made sail at day light. A strong breeze seen a hundred fin backs and a lot of grampuses. Carried sail at night	SE	47.19	23.49	

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Wed 14	A strong breeze. Seen some fin backs, a and grampuses			46.00	23.00
Thurs 15	A pleasant breeze. Seen some fin backs, a porpoise and grampuses			44.46	26.16
Fri 16	A pleasant breeze on the wind star. When board took aboard Rapid Spinnaker Whales at 9 Lowered Laid out waist and bow boats. Laid out boat struck afterwards bow boat. Killed by the Dexter got him alongside and cut in half. Of the body took in sail			42.30	24.15
Sat 17	A light breeze. out in the remainder of the of our whale. Killed cutting at ship. Big Ague of Liverpool brought to Liverpool from Barbadoes. He whose in sight - began to try out			42.40	23.00
Sun 18	A light breeze. trying out. Seen some porpoise, and a fin back to night. We had a heavy rain. Spade cooked down the try works but started them again in a short time			43.53	23.63
Mon 19	A light breeze trying out. Made S.E. we sail. Saw some fin backs, and grampuses a sail in sight				
Tues 20	A very light breeze. Loggy finished. S.E. we trying out. Spade cooked. Saw some porpoise			42.50	24.45
Wed 21	A light breeze on the wind star with board took aboard. Seen a fin back. Threw the remainder of our oil			42.50	25.00

Signs
of Liverpool