

Journal of A Whaling Voyage by Thomas O'Keefe

- 1841 Ship Grand Turk August wind calm Lat Long North West
- Sun 22 A Light breeze two ships in sight. One seen some five miles, and another North Atlantic
- Mon 23 A Pleasant breeze. Seen some grampus, and porpoise. two sail in sight. S.E. North 42.00 28.31
- Tues 24 A strong breeze warm seen some porpoise and grampus, two sail in sight. One in sight the wreck of a ship appeared to be much perfect by sound, dismasted and bottom up her keel measured about 75 or 80 feet. We could see no name or any other thing. We had us to suppose she belonged to her cut a hole in her bottom her cargo was lost. Caught nearly two barrels of Alabacore
- Wed 25 A Light breeze A sail in sight. No sign of some porpoise. Caught a few Alabacore at 10 P.M. Luffed to the wind Starboard tack, aboard. 42.44 32.20
- Thurs 26 A Light breeze at 7 A.M. kind to whaling. No sign of some porpoise. Caught all the forenoon with Starboard tack. Waited and saw boats could not get near them. On the wind Starboard tack, aboard. 42.20 31.20
- Fri 27 A Pleasant breeze seen some porpoise. Seen wind for back
- Sat 28 A Light breeze seen some fish jack, in bound to leave de grace report having seen plenty of sperm whale in the Lat of 37.40 Long. 32.00 On the wind Starboard tack, aboard. 42.00 31.36

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- Sat 28 A Light breeze caught some Alabacore. Several for grampus could not get near them. North Atlantic
- Sun 29 Made land (Hove) at day light. At 4 P.M. sent Starboard and wait boats ashore to point Ashmun Western Islands. Shot Porpoise. Whales of Edgartown 3 months out 130 bbls of oil. A Light breeze seen some porpoise and flying fish. Six sail in sight Alabacore
- Mon 30 A Light breeze. Head edge into the land at 10 P.M. Starboard and wait boats ashore got off some porpoises, grampus and other fish. Whales of Edgartown 3 months out 530 bbls of oil. Caught some in a short time. No sign of Edward of Rochester 150 bbls of oil three months out. Saw porpoise and grampus. Eight Alabacore in sight but no whales
- Tues 31 A Light breeze with fair squalls. Seen some porpoise and grampus. Spent the forenoon close to the land. Shot a few. Martha of Hudson four weeks out 130 bbls of oil. After we had shot her they coopered their oil and sent it on board of us. Whilst towing they stole four cups and lost about 10 bbls. After we got it on deck we spread the yards and kept her on her beam. So ends this long and the any month



Alabacore of Edgartown

Edward of Rochester

Martha of Hudson

How lower