

Journal of A Whaling Voyage by Thomas O. Kieff

1841	Ship Grand Turk, September	Wind	Course	Lat	Long
Wed 1	A Light breeze seen some porpoise and Grampus. No land to be seen. Thru ship in sight. Stowed down the Martha's al (122 lbs)	E	W	39.10	32.2
Thurs 2	A nice breeze three ships in sight. Sun some porpoise and flying fish	E	W	38.45	34.6
Thurs 3	A Pleasant breeze seen a great many jumpers and flying fish four vessels in sight			38.20	35.2
Sat 4	A Pleasant breeze seen some cow fish and jumpers. Spoke Barge Dymock of African 30 days out of Boston and 30 days of African. Four lights in sight but not a sign of a whale for any of them to be seen	SE	W	38.40	37.3
Sun 5	A Strong breeze on the wind. Lardner's tacks aboard. Sun some flying a large beach could not tell what it was			38.00	37.1
Mon 6	A Pleasant breeze on the wind on different tacks. Sun in sight. Sun a whale spout could not tell what it was. Seen some dolphin and flying fish	W		37.15	36.5
Tues 7	A Light pleasant breeze at 7 AM. Sun guided the yard. Last night ship came close to us. Seen some porpoise and flying fish	W	NE	38.10	35.3
Wed 8	Blowing very heavy in the wind under short sail. Draped a school of sperm whales. Draped Lardner's boat. Lardner's boat struck and down. Cowboat struck and killed by Mr. Jackson got in. Strong tide. At the water	W		39.45	39.2



Dymock of African

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Thurs 9	A Strong breeze with a heavy fog. We cut in our whal. Cut off the head whale, and have it in the Made Sail. Double reefed topsails. Sun some porpoise flying fish and ship jacks	W		39.37	
Frid 10	A Strong breeze. Squally. Sun some cow fish. Mended our blubber today	W		39.50	38.30
Sat 11	A Light breeze seen some porpoise and cow fish	W	E	40.20	37.47
Sun 12	A Strong breeze seen some porpoise and a diamond fish. We tried out our whal. No day. It did not take us long as he was a very small fellow. Got this trying at 11 PM	W	E	41.20	35.50
Mon 13	A Strong breeze. Squally with rain. Sun porpoise.	W	E	41.20	34.30
Tues 14	A Strong breeze seen squally. Sun some fish and ship jacks. Two ships in sight	W	E	41.50	
Wed 15	A very light breeze. Nearly calm. Sun some cow fish and flying fish. But no whales in sight			41.45	31.4
Thurs 16	A Strong breeze in the forenoon. In the afternoon we kept the ship. It came on to blow a heavy gale. Sun a whale. Spent by supposed him to be a sperm whale. We hauled our wind and lay with the main yard aback. Nearly two hours but could not see any more. Sun at 4 PM blowing still harder. Sun four and Mizen top sails. Sun down furlled the fore sail. Sun with Lardner's tacks aboard. Sun vessel in sight	W	SE	43.00	31.1