

Journal of A Whaling Voyage by Thos. O'Keefe

- 1841 Ship Grand Turk October wind Course Lat Long
North West
- Sun 24 A fine pleasant breeze three sail N E wind 37.30 29.30
by night cloudy, sent our chains
lashed the anchors and made all
 snug North Atlantic
- Mon 25 A light pleasant breeze two sail N E wind 36.20 31.19
in light parted low stand whilst making
it up
- Tues 26 A light breeze, raining through steam E to 46 35.35 33.15
two sail in sight. Seen a float
- Wed 27 A light breeze, caught a dolphin
nothing of consequence in sight 35.20 34.39
- Thurs 28 Very light and variable all round
the compass. nothing in sight 35.10 35.0
- Frid 29 A very light breeze nearly calm
seen a good deal of gulf weed. Seen a float 35.9 35.0
- Sat 30 A. M. We had a heavy squall in
took in fore and mizen topsails
double reefed the main at fore
hauled to the N E, made sail
and kept her on her course, with
a noble breeze. Seen a few birds.
Sent her fore and mizen topgallants and fly gill
- Sun 31 We had a glorious breeze last night
just as much as we wanted, and
the good old ship, day her business
in fine style. We had a fine breeze
all this forenoon. A. M. made moderate
but still a handsome breeze. Nothing
in sight
So early this morn the night ship
will bring us to the end of this voyage
and to those dear friends we
have left behind

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- Mon 1 A light breeze equally nothing in sight 34.55 40.20
North Atlantic
- Tues 2 Blowing heavy a pretty smart gale NW
A. M. Swirl fore and mizen top
sails double reefed the main. Star
board tack aboard at 9 AM
Blowing very heavy close reefed
the main topsail
- Wed 3 More moderate bend new topsails N E wind 34.15 41.40
ran under double reefed topsails
A. M. still more moderate shook
up other end of the topsails
nothing in sight, caught an owl
- Thurs 4 A light breeze nothing in sight E wind 34.12 42.50
our bul left us to day at 12 o'clock
we caught him sleeping in the
main top yesterday at 11 AM here
- Frid 5 A light breeze nothing in sight N wind 34.25 44.20
A dull passage this
- Sat 6 Light windy as usual and breeze N E wind 34.20 45.25
at night a calm at 11 PM
a light breeze
- Sun 7 A fine light breeze seen a float NW
but could not get what it was
on the wind Larboard tack aboard
- Mon 8 A. M. A light breeze fainting NW
Ship at 12 o'clock down (with hands)
in a heavy squall double reefed
the topsails, flew the fore and main
sail and let her run on her course
at midnight more moderate shook
the fore end of the topsails set the
gill and main sail