

Journal of a whaling voyage John S. Swift  
in the North Atlantic Ocean 1912-

- Mar. 11 - Monday at 11 a.m. Cast off lines from Merrill's Wharf New Bedford then with down to Sullivans Bluffs by the S.C. Hart-bound to St. Vincent - 11.9. at 7 p.m. took in mainmast & main S. 20. vessel heading S. S. E. at 8 p.m. set the watches 9 men all told.
- " 12 Tues. Comes in with the wind to the Eastward set the mainmast at 10.30 vessel heading to the Southward. in the afternoon took in mainmast & upper foresail set topmast.
- " 13 Wednesday comes in with a fresh gale from the S. S. W. vessel here to under 2 reefs foresail topmast & foretopmast all day
- " 14 Thursday comes in with a fresh breeze from the W. S. W. at 7 a.m. set all sail latter part calm took in staymast  
Lat 34.50 Long 69.54
- " 15 Friday comes in with a heavy gale from the S. S. W. vessel here to under short sail carried away foretopmast and gang way gale remained same all day and night
- " 16 Saturday comes in with fresh gale and very rough 9 a.m. began to rain and change of wind more to the Westward made more sail and headed to the South at 4 p.m. breeze to S. E. light to end this day
- " 17 Sunday comes in with a fresh breeze from the Eastward vessel heading S. S. W. with all sail in 3 p.m. took in staymast & topmast repaired foretopmast and haul it  
Lat 36.55 Long 64.05
- " 18 Monday comes in fine with the wind South set the topmast and staymast vessel heading S. S. E. men all doing various jobs about ship  
Haul in hauler at 10. Clinch S. E.  
Lat 35.12 Long 63.58

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- Mar 19 Tuesday comes in fine wind South vessel under all sail course S. E. Broke out main mast also the hauler took up chains and placed in deck latter part nearly calm 1 steamer  
Lat 34.24 Long 62.22
- " 20 Wednesday comes in moderate wind South under all sail remained so all day
- " 21 Thursday comes in light from the S. W. vessel under all sail heading South 1 p.m. raised a school of sperm whales from deck lowered 1 boat - whale went off rain more whales looked again with out success boat came aboard made all sail steered S. by W.  
Lat 31.58 Long 67.39
- " 22 Friday This day comes in with a light wind from the S. S. W. vessel under all sail steering by W. put up cutting stage and various jobs about ship latter part more moderate  
Lat 29.58 Long 59.35
- " 23 Saturday This day comes in light wind S. S. W. vessel S. by W. latter part the same  
Lat 28.20 Long 59.40
- " 24 Sunday This day comes in with trade winds from the S. E. and very light latter part same Lat 27.00 Long 59.59
- " 25 Monday This day comes in with a good breeze from the S. E. latter part same  
Lat 24.33 Long 60.25
- " 26 Tuesday This day comes in light trade wind S. E. vessel going Westward equally Lat 23.06 Long 60.44
- " 27 This day comes in with a fresh breeze from the S. E. vessel heading S. by W. raised the mainmast and at noon wife out - set up spread and staymast latter part the same 21-20 Long 61.05
- " 28 This day comes in with a good breeze from the S. E. vessel heading South all sail broke up provisions  
Lat 19.30 Long 61-