

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Outward Bound

Commenced on board Monday August the 25th 1842

These twentyfour hours commenced with light winds from the Westward at 10 AM weve up our anchor and stood out through Watch Hill reef at noon weve aback & discharged the pilot boat forward & stood out to sea steering S 8 E the Wind S W with 25 Men on board all hands employed in stowing anchor chains & clearing up decks for sea (Chase) watches & boats crews tried the pump forward this ship tight so ends these 24 hours

Tuesday August the 30th 1842 These twentyfour hours began with light wind from N & pleasant weather steering S 8 E at sundown Montague point bore W N W all hands employed in clearing up decks & at 8 PM brisk wind from S S E took in topgallentails flying jib & mainsail at 10 took 2 reefs in the fore & main topsails & furled the Mizzen at 4 PM set mainsail & single reefed Mizzen top sail at 8 PM set fore & main topsails saw a ship steering S 8 E the watches employed in stowing blocks & c so ends steering S 8 E Lat 40° 21' N Long 69° 58'

Wednesday August the 31st These twentyfour hours commenced with brisk wind from N E by N steering S 8 E employed in fitting boats at 4 PM course E by S at 7 single reefed the topsails middle part wind baffling at 8 PM let reefs out topsails latter part fresh wind & clear weather picked out two & whale gear so ends this day Lat 38° 14' N

Thursday September the 1st 1842 This day commenced with brisk wind from S steering S 8 E employed in fitting boats at 4 PM single reefed topsails middle & latter part light wind & baffling all sail set so ends Lat 38° 14' N

Friday August the 2nd September This day Calm pleasant weather employed in fitting boats coiling lines & getting out lance poles one ship in sight so ends this day steering S Lat 38° 29' N Long 68° 34' W

Saturday September the 3rd These twentyfour hours began with light wind from S W steering S employed in fitting boats middle part wind S to S W latter part employed in bracing out the rigging from betwixt decks blocks & c and stowing back again saw a shoal of blackfish going quick to the westward. (Vb) Lat 40° 09' N Long 68° 13' W

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Sunday Sep the 4th

All these twentyfour hours fine breeze from S W to S by E steering E by S = saw a sail standing to the Westward so ends this day (Vb) Lat 40° 21' N Long 68° 08' W

Monday Sep the 5th

First & middle part of this day light baffling wind from the South & west steering E by S latter part Drift Wind attended with fog & rain employed in fitting cutting gear & other ships duty saw a ship off the lee beam steering to the Westward so ends Lat 40° 25' N

Tuesday Sep the 6th

These twentyfour hours strong breeze from S W & some rain steering E by S employed in fitting cutting block straps & other ships duty so ends flying jib & Mizzen topgallentails furled so ends

Wednesday Sep the 7th

This day began with fresh wind from S W & squally look topgallentails middle part baffling wind heavy thunder & sharp lightning with some rain latter part wind N steering E by S watches employed in ships duty so ends this day Lat 41° 16' N Long 68° 10' W

Thursday Sep the 8th

First part of this day brisk wind from S steering E by S middle part light air & baffling employed in ships duty at 4 PM saw some sperm whales

Sperm S B #

observed
pursued but
strong

Boats went in chase struck three the laborer lost showed the Whist boat parted line the Starboard Boat killed one at 10 took him to ship 2 boats went in chase of more whales the rest employed in fitting up cutting gear the whales went to windward at 8 PM boats came on board so ends observation

Friday Sep the 9th

This day commenced with brisk wind from S employed in getting up cutting gear at 4 PM past 1 PM commenced cutting at 4 PM past 3 finished took in the gear & jib employed in clearing then away at 4 PM past 6 finished made sail to hull topsails steering E by S saw a ship to the windward steering to the Eastward middle part strong wind from W by N with heavy rain latter part more pleasant wind & set fore main topgallentails employed in fitting for boiling at dawn commenced so ends Lat 40° 50' N Long 66° 14' W

Saturday Sep the 10th

First part fresh wind from N W & some rain employed in coiling at 7 PM coiled down the masts looking back at 4 PM past 4 PM started works again light wind from the Westward steering S 8 E saw a hump back at dawn fresh wind from S W so ends

Lat 40° 58' N Long 62° 10' W