

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Putnam Sound Nov. Dec. 1842

Sunday
Nov. 27

These twentyfour hours begining with brisk wind from S by E to SE head E by S to E & S bent new main topsail in place in mending old one. Middle part calm latter part light air from NW & pleasant Steering SE. Saw nothing S. Enders
Obs Lat 39.50 S

Monday
Nov. 28

First part of this day light. Wind from NW steering SE. Middle & latter parts brisk wind from SW employed in ships duty. Saw Finbacks S. Enders
Obs Lat 38.18 S

Tuesday
Nov. 29

This day commences with light wind from SW steering SE. employed in mending main topsails. Middle part calm latter part light wind from NW & pleasant. Saw nothing S. Enders. Obs Lat 38.40 S Long 78.20

Wednesday
Nov. 30

Commences with brisk wind from NW steering SE. Sent up cutting Pendants middle part steering SE. Latter part fresh wind from NW steering SE. Got out fresh water employed in ships duty. S. Enders these twentyfour hours
Obs Lat 37.01 S

Thursday
Dec. 1 - 1842

These twentyfour hours begining with strong wind from NW steering SE. at 8 AM thick & rainy reduced to 2 degrees. At 4 PM wind hauled to the Southward full main sail steering SE by E strong gales & squally with rain. Saw nothing S. Enders. Obs Lat

Friday
Dec. 2

This day begining with strong gales from SW steering SE by E at 1 PM look in sail & hove to under close reefed main topsail & foresail head SE at 4 PM more moderate. Made sail steering SE by E at 11 PM lowered for 3 Boats for a Rite Whale. Heavy sea did not strike. Came aboard S. Enders. Obs Lat 37.42 S Long 57.44 East

Saturday
Dec. 3

Commences with brisk wind from NW steering SE at 1 PM look in sail for the night heading SW at 4 PM made sail steering SE. pleasant weather. Saw Finbacks. Caught a Porpoise S. Enders this day. Obs Lat 38.01 S Long 58.15 E

Sunday
Dec. 4

These twentyfour hours begining with brisk three from NW steering SE by E at 1 PM lowered 4 Boats in chase of sperm whale struck with the Laborer & West boat at 7 look then to ship the W to leeward. Kelp the ship off for it parted fluke rope hove back & took it again at 10 look the other secured them for the night look in sail & set quarter watches at 11 PM called all hands got up cutting gear at 12 PM ship commenced cutting heavy gales from NW & S equally at 11 PM finished last one head employed in clearing up deck head & under close reefed main topsail. S. Enders

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Monday
Dec. 5

This day begining with heavy gales from NW & head E under close reefed main topsail employed in clearing away the Whales head & middle part using the wind NW head & E latter part more pleasant at 8 AM commenced Bailing S. Enders these twentyfour hours
Obs Lat 38.28 S

Tuesday
Dec. 6

Commences with strong gales from NW & head NE with close reefed main topsail & fore sail employed in boiling. Middle part squally the wind W head NW at 1 PM the fore topmast stay that the staysail hoisted in part in the nip at 8 PM bent the staysail to the other stay & set it heavy gales & squally steeped boiling furled the foresail saw a ship to windward heading SW S. Enders.
Obs Lat 37.42 S

Wednesday
Dec. 7

These twentyfour hours begining with heavy gales from W head NW under close reefed main topsail at 5 PM hove to went to boiling at 8 PM made sail steering SE. Spliced the fore topmast stay & set it up saw a ship to the Westward saw no Whales S. Enders this day.
Obs Lat 37.50 S Long 52.08 E

Thursday
Dec. 8

First & Middle part light wind from W steering SE at 4 PM finished boiling stored 5 Cask of Oil in the Stubbler room mended 80 latter part light wind from the NW steering SE. pleasant weather employed in ships duty. Saw Finbacks S. Enders these 24 hours.
Obs Lat 37.50 S Long 52.40 East

Friday
Dec. 9

Commences with brisk winds from N steering SE at 3 PM saw a Rite Whale going quick to the Southward 4 Boats lowered in chase did not strike. Came to ship & stood on at 4 PM saw NW latter part strong wind from N saw Finbacks S. Enders this day. Obs Lat 40.04 S Long 64.15 E

Saturday
Dec. 10

This day begining with strong gales from N steering SE & reefed the fore & main topsails. Hove to under close reefed main topsail furled foresail head E & E heavy sea running at 8 PM saw a Rite Whale latter part thick & rainy with heavy gales from N S. Enders

Sunday
Dec. 11

First part of this day heavy gales from N lying under close reefed main topsail head E & E at 4 PM wind hauled to NW latter part wind W with heavy sea S. Enders these twentyfour hours
Obs Lat 39.45 S Long 65.40 E

Monday
Dec. 12

Commences with strong gales from W at 1 PM more moderate made sail steering SE at 3 PM saw whale at 1 PM lowered 2 Boats struck & killed one to windward light wind & heavy sea took in tow at 10 PM to ship took in sail at 6 PM commenced cutting at 11 PM finished made sail & commenced boiling. Saw a Whale going quick to windward S. Enders these 24 hours. Obs Lat 39.53 S

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