

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Indian Ocean December

Tuesday
Dec 13



These twentyfour hours begin with light wind from N.N.W
& pleasant weather standing to southward employed in
boiling at 4 AM lowered for a Right Whale Struck & killed
him took him to ship at 7 commenced cutting at 8 past
10 finished lost the head at 8 AM made sail steering
E.S.E. at 5 PM brisk wind from N.W. & thick weather
took in sail head E. so ends saw nothing.
(Obs Lat 40.02 South Long 166.33)

Wednesday
Dec 14

All these twentyfour hours light wind & some fog
employed in boiling steering to the eastward the
wind from the north west at 7 PM finished
boiling cleared up deck & took in sail head E.S.E
saw one Finback so ends
(Obs Lat 40.12 South)

Thursday
Dec 15

First part of these twentyfour hours light wind from N
& foggy at 4 PM commenced breaking out the main haul
for storing down bit put down 100 lbs of Rite Wine
& 50 of Sperm the sperm mostly marked 850 & back to
one fishy one bush of head marked 80H at 7 PM finished
cleared up deck thick weather the wind at head E.S.E
so ends this day saw nothing so ends

Friday
Dec 16

First part of this day brisk wind from N with thick
rainy weather head E.S.E cleared ship at 5 AM wind
hauled to the southward we ship to S.E. saw a ship
steering to the westward at 8 AM more moderate
with clear weather made sail saw Finbacks at
15 PM wind S.S.E hauled ship to S.W. at past 7
took in sail so ends these twentyfour hours
(Obs Lat 39.57 S Long 70.12 E)

Saturday
Dec 17



These twentyfour hours begin with light wind from
the eastward head to southward at 4 AM made sail
steering S thick weather & some rain at past 11 AM
lowered for a Right Whale went down saw him no more
came on board & showed me Finbacks at sundown took
in sail so ends so ends

Sunday
Dec 18

Commences with light winds from E.S.E. thick weather
at 4 AM made sail head S at 8 AM the wind hauled
to N.W. & head E. latter part thick fog wind N steering
E by S saw nothing at 7 took in sail so ends
(Obs Lat 41.21 S Long 72.42 E)

Monday
Dec 19

All these twentyfour hours thick weather the first
part light winds from the northward steering E.S.E
the latter part strong wind & heavy fog the fore & main parts
the main & mainmast at 7 took in sail saw finbacks
so ends
(Obs Lat 40.42 S)

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Tuesday
Dec 20

This day begins with strong winds from N & thick rainy
weather at 3 AM heavy gales took in the fore sail
at 6 shipped a sea to windward broke the bow boats
surfers took her on deck middle & latter part clear
weather with strong gales from N.W. head E.S.E
saw nothing so ends (Obs Lat 40.13 S Long 79.40 E)

Wednesday
Dec 21



Commences with fresh winds from the westward &
a heavy sea at 4 AM made sail steering E.S.E
light buffing winds at 7 AM lowered 2 B for a Right
Whale Struck & killed him took him in tow at 11 got to
ship at 1 AM commenced cutting heavy sea at to land
at 2 thick & rainy fresh wind from N.W. at 4 finished
lost throat parted sails & cleared up deck for the right
head & the weather more pleasant so ends
(Obs Lat 40.51 South)

Thursday
Dec 22

These twentyfour hours commences with strong winds
from the westward head to southward under clouds
heaved main topsail at 6 AM heavy gales from S.W.
took in the main topsail at 1 PM more moderate set main
topsail at 5 commenced boiling set fore sail at 8 hauled ship to
S.S.E. the wind S.W. saw nothing so ends (Obs Lat 40.46 South)

Friday
Dec 23

First part of these twentyfour hours light winds from S.W. head
S.S.E. under close reefed main topsails & fore sail employed in
boiling at 5 AM strong gales from N.W. at 11 AM kept
off E by S & S.S.E. filled 3 tanks with oil between decks
latter part some rain saw nothing so ends
(Obs Lat 40.44 S Long 77.36 E)

Saturday
Dec 24



All of these twentyfour hours brisk wind from N.W. steering
to the S.E. by E saw one English Barge steering to the eastward
at 5 PM saw a number of Right Whales toward 3 boats
could not get past the Whales the came on board and
took in sail so ends (Obs Lat 41.01 South)

Sunday
Dec 25



First part of this day light air & calm at past 5 AM
lowered 4 boats in chase of Right Whales Struck 2 with the
Starboard & Labord Boats the lines foul cut the L.B. line
the whale went off with 1 seen the S.B. soon lowered like
2 Lances & Spaid came on board at 3 PM lowered 3 boats
Struck 1 with L.B. soon lowered at 5 lowered struck one
with L.B. the Lances cut off the line lost 2 Irons came
on board & took in sail head to Westward the N.W. came
of Whales in sight so ends these twentyfour hours
(Obs Lat 40.47 S Long 80.51 E)

Monday
Dec 26



Commences with strong winds from N.W. & cloudy
weather at 5 AM commenced breaking out the fore sail
for storing down put down 80 lbs Middle & latter part
thick fog the wind W by S head N.W. by S saw a number
of Right Whales did not lower for them so ends