

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Cruising Feb 1845

Tuesday
Jan 31

Commenced with strong winds from from N.W. & thick rainy weather at 4 AM set 2 reefed topsails steering S by E at 10 AM heavy squall of wind & rain took in fore & Mizzen topsails parted the foot rope to the foremast & bent a new one at 11 AM at 11 moderate weather made sail steering N.E. at 1 PM saw a right whale going quick to windward did not lower at 1 PM part 3 PM lower for a whale with 3 boats did not strike at 1 PM part 3 PM made 11 night Island bearing N.W. distance 15 miles latter part light winds from N.W. at 8 took in sail heading S.W. to Smith's in 3000 S. Ends. S. Ends.

Wednesday
Feb 1 - 1845

This day began with light winds from the Westward at 4 AM strong gale from S. set single reefed topsails steering E by S at 8 AM moderate set all sail middle part squally latter part fresh wind from S.W. by S steering S by E saw 2 birds at 8 PM took in sail head S by E to 1000 S. Ends.

Thursday
Feb 2

Commenced with strong gale from S.W. & squally at 4 AM set 2 reefed topsails & kept off at 8 PM made the land saw 2 birds at 8 thick weather took in sail head S by E to 1000 S. Ends.
Obs Lat 44° 13' S Long 170° 17'

Friday
Feb 3

These twentyfour hours began with brisk wind from the Southward at 4 AM made sail & stood in for the land at 8 AM have aback off Port Charles & set William H. Smith on shore a boat came along side & brought some fish calm pleasant weather at 5 PM light wind from N.W. steering E. S. Ends.

Saturday
Feb 4

First part of this day brisk winds from N.W. to N.W. steering E at 10 AM spoke the ship Rawena of Fall River Captain Oliver 18 months out 2400 Whales 300 Spinn. Obs. the latter part light winds & pleasant steering E by S saw 2 birds at 8 PM took in sail head S by E to 1000 S. Ends.
Obs Lat 44° 11' S Long 170° 43'

Sunday
Feb 5

Commenced with light winds from N.W. steering N.E. to S by E at 4 AM 10 of the foremast hands were taken sick being poisoned by eating fish liver gave them Medecine which eased the pain in their heads & bowels latter part wind the same S. Ends.
Obs Lat 44° 52' S

Monday
Feb 6

The first part of this day light winds from N.W. to N.W. steering N.E. employed in ships duty latter part wind N.W. at 8 AM steering E saw 2 birds at 8 PM took in sail head S by E to 1000 S. Ends.
Obs Lat 44° 58' S Long 171° 53' E

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Pacific Ocean

Tuesday
Feb 7

Commenced with brisk winds from N.W. steering E at 2 AM the wind N.W. at 10 AM steering E by S employed in ships duty bent new mainsail main topgallant sail fore topgallant sail & spanker latter part wind N.W. saw 2 birds at 8 PM took in sail head S by E to 1000 S. Ends.
Obs Lat 45° 25' S Long 177° 03' W

Wednesday
Feb 8

The first part of this day brisk wind from N.W. steering E & E at 4 AM kept off N.W. at 7 AM bent new one middle & latter part strong winds some squally at 4 PM reefed the Mizzen topsail saw 2 birds at 8 PM took in sail head S by E to 1000 S. Ends.
Obs Lat 47° 37' S Long 179° 01' W

Thursday
Feb 9

All these twentyfour hours strong winds from S.W. to S by W the first & middle parts steering N.W. & the latter part steering N by E saw 2 birds at 8 PM made the fore topgallant sail Obs Lat 48° 08' S Long 181° 11' W

Friday
Feb 10

The first part brisk wind from S.W. steering N by E to S by E at 7 PM bent new one topgallant sail & bent the sail middle part wind S steering N.W. employed in ships duty latter part light winds from S by S saw 2 birds at 8 PM took in sail head S by E to 1000 S. Ends.
Obs Lat 40° 06' South

Saturday
Feb 11

All these twentyfour hours light winds from S by S steering N.W. employed in ships duty saw 2 birds at 8 PM took in sail head S by E to 1000 S. Ends.
Obs Lat 38° 35' South

Sunday
Feb 12

All of these twentyfour hours light winds from S.W. to S the first & middle parts steering N.W. & the latter part N by S saw 2 birds at 8 PM took in sail head S by E to 1000 S. Ends.
Obs Lat 36° 15' S Long 182° 47' W

Monday
Feb 13

The first part of this day light baffling winds steering N by S the middle & latter parts light winds from S.E. employed in ships duty saw 2 birds at 8 PM took in sail head S by E to 1000 S. Ends.
Obs Lat 35° 02' S Long 184° 51' W

Tuesday
Feb 14

Commenced with light winds from S.W. steering N by S middle & latter parts brisk winds from S.W. by S steering N.E. employed in ships duty saw 2 birds at 8 PM took in sail head S by E to 1000 S. Ends.
Obs Lat 33° 27' S

Wednesday
Feb 15

All these twentyfour hours strong winds from S.W. to S steering N.E. & N by S at 9 PM took in topgallant sails employed in ships duty saw 2 birds at 8 PM took in sail head S by E to 1000 S. Ends.
Obs Lat 31° 28' S Long 186° 12' West

Thursday
Feb 16

Commenced with strong winds from S.E. steering N by S at 2 AM reefed topsail wind increases at 9 AM reduced to close reefed main topsail & fore sail at 10 AM fore sail heavy gale & a bad sea running at 4 PM bent the head S by E for the night S. Ends. Obs Lat 28° 35' South