

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Bound North April 1843

Tuesday April 25 The first part light baffling Wind from the South & West with thick Rainy Weather Steering N the Middle & latter part Brisk Wind from NW & pleasant employed in Ship's duty Painted the Board Beech & thick green Water Large quantities of things on top resembling & Portuguese man of War saw a Ship astern so Encls this day Joseph Joka of duty Sick Obs Lat 37.00 N Long 173.51

Wednesday April 26 Commences with light Wind from NW & pleasant Steering N the middle & latter part Brisk Wind from NW & some squales employed in fitting a spare boat & saw Hump & Finback 3 so Encls Joseph Joka off duty with a broken Leg Obs Lat 39.16 North

Thursday April 27 All these twentyfour hours Brisk Wind from SW by W at 4 past 4 AM made sail Steering N the Weather hazy saw Finback at Dark took in sail head N by W Washington Fletcher & Joseph Joka Sick so Encls Obs Lat 40.23 N Long 174.51 W

Friday April 28 The first & Middle part of this day Brisk Wind from NW & pleasant Weather at Daylight made sail Steering N employed in Ship's duty Painted Spars Boat the latter part thick Rainy Weather at 4 past 7 took in topgallants 3 Men Sick & off duty saw Nothing so Encls Obs Lat 42.01 North

Saturday April 29 This day begins with strong Wind from SSW & thick Rainy Weather Steering N at 2 AM the Wind hauled to WSW & Reefed the topsails frequent squales of Wind & Rain the latter part the same saw Nothing at 4 past 7 took in sail for the Night so Encls Washington Fletcher Wm Coals & Joseph Joka Sick Obs Lat 44.23 N Long 177.43 W

Sunday April 30 Commences with strong Wind from S by W & squally at Daylight made sail to 2 Reefed topsails Steering N the Middle part the same the latter part cold Cloudy Weather the Wind from SSW at 8 took in sail so Encls Obs Lat 46.08 N Long 178.30 W

Monday May 1 1843 The first part light Wind from SW & hazy Weather some Rain at daylight made sail Steering N at 8 AM Wind hauled to NW & increases at 1 PM took in topgallants at 1 PM single Reefed the topsails strong Wind & cloudy cold Weather at 5 PM saw 2 Whales to Windward took them to be Right Whales too nuff for Whaling saw Finback 3 strong gales from NW took in sail heading N Washington Fletcher Wm Coals & Joseph Joka Sick Richard Johnson fell overboard turned a Boat & picked him up so Encls Obs Lat 47.08 N

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Tuesday May 2 Commences with brisk Wind from NW & squally at 5 AM made sail to single Reefed topsails Steering N saw Finback at 10 AM saw a Right Whale to Windward too nuff to Whale at 3 PM the Wind hauled to SSW thick Weather with Rain & Snow took in mainsail & Mizzen topsail at 6 took in sail for the Night heading N so Encls Lat 48.08 North

Wednesday May 3 Commences with strong Wind from SSW & squally at 4 past 4 AM more pleasant made sail Steering N at 7 AM lowered 4 Boats for a Right Whale saw 3 but could not get hold of them at 11 AM came on board & stood on a fine pleasant Weather latter part the Wind hauled to SE & hazy weather at sunset took in sail Washington Fletcher came on duty Wm Coals & Joseph Joka Sick & off duty so Encls Lat 48.17 N Long 178.23 W

Thursday May 4 Commences with heavy gales from SE lying to under close Reefed Main topsail at 8 AM Wind hauled to S & clear Weather made sail Steering N at 5 PM saw a Right Whale going quick to SE at 4 past 6 saw another lowered 3 Boats & struck him with the Starboard Boat Iron broke came on board & took in sail head N E the Wind S E stove the Starboard Boat above Water in the bow so Encls Lat 48.53 N Long 178.30 W

Friday May 5 This day begins with brisk Winds from SSE & hazy Weather at 4 AM made sail Steering N by N minded the Starboard Boat the Middle part thick & Rainy at 9 PM took in the fore & Mizzen topsails & hove to head N E at 4 past 3 more pleasant made sail Steering N & E the Wind hauled to SSE at 4 past 4 some Rain took in sail head E saw Nothing so Encls

Saturday May 6 Commences with brisk Wind from SSE & some squales of hail at 4 AM made sail Steering N by E at 8 AM Steering N by W at 9 saw a Right Whale single Reefed the topsails & lowered 3 Boats for the Whale W B went onto deck not ship he struck the Boat & started the Starboard streak from the head came on board & Reefed the topsails heading to SW at 2 PM saw a small Right Whale lowered 3 Boats struck with the L B fresh Wind & a bad Sea Whale ran quick to Windward parted the line lost about 30 fathoms & 2 Irons came on board & hove to under close Reefed Main topsail strong gales from S & E & thick Rainy Weather Wm Coals & Joseph Joka Sick & off duty so Encls Lat 51.58 N Long 171.00 W