

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Cruising May 1843

Sunday
May ^{the} 7

This day begins with strong gales from the Eastward & thick rainy weather lying under close reefed main topsail at 4 PM wind hauled to the Westward & made sail steering NE heavy sea at 7 PM spoke the Bartholomew Gosland of Falmouth 9 months out 1800 Sperm had a right whale calf along side we saw one but to late to reef to lower took in sail head N by W the wind NW & clearing so ends
Lat 52° 18' N

Monday
May ^{the} 8

Commenced with brisk wind from the Westward heading N at 1 AM strong gales took in foresail at 2 close reefed the main topsail the wind hauled to NW heading N heavy sea going the middle part clear weather the latter part cloudy saw nothing so ends
Lat 52° 28' N

Tuesday
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Sun

Commenced with strong wind from NW & thick weather at 9 AM wind hauled to the Southward & the fog cleared off made sail steering NE at 5 PM lowered 3 Boats for a right whale struck him with the larboard Boat killed him with an iron in the chest & he went lost 3 Buns & about 4 fathoms of line came aboard at sunset took in sails calm hazy weather so ends
Lat 52° 35' N Long 144° 26'

Wednesday
May ^{the} 11

This day begins with calm hazy weather at 4 PM heavy gales from SE close reefed the main topsail took in the foresail middle part more pleasant the latter part brisk wind from the SE & thick fog with some rain wire ship to W so ends
Lat 53° 10' N

Thursday
May ^{the} 11

The first part of this day calm & foggy at 8 AM light winds from SE fog lit up made sail steering NW at 2 PM wind hauled to SW thick & rainy last part thick fog & light wind from NW at sun set took in sail 5 Men sick & off duty saw nothing so ends

Friday
May ^{the} 12

Commenced with brisk wind from NW at 4 AM made sail steering N at 8 AM took ship to SW clear weather at 3 PM saw a right whale lowered 3 Boats did not strike came on board & stood on at 5 PM lowered 3 Boats for another could not get fast came on board & took in sail light wind & clearing had head NE green water 11° fathoms got better came on duty so ends
Lat 53° 30' N Long 144° 45' W

Saturday
May ^{the} 13

Beginning with calm hazy weather at 5 AM lowered 4 Boats for a right whale struck & killed him turned him to ship & at 12 past 11 AM commenced cutting at 1 past 2 PM finished cleared up deck commenced boiling light winds from SE by S head SW at 11 past 7 took in sail nothing in sight so ends
Lat 53° 22' N Long 145° 17' W

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Sunday
May ^{the} 14

This day begins with brisk wind from SE and cloudy at 5 AM made sail heading SW employed in boiling at 2 PM saw a right whale lowered 3 Boats struck him with the larboard Boat soon came out came on board at 4 PM thick fog at 7 took in sail head SW 11° fathoms Joseph John Sick & off duty so ends

Monday
May ^{the} 15

The first part of this day calm hazy weather employed in boiling saw 2 ships & a whale's carcass one ship boiling at noon light winds from SE steering S latter part thick fog at 7 PM took in sail saw no whales so ends
Lat 53° 33' North

Tuesday
May ^{the} 16

Commenced with light wind from SE & thick foggy weather at 2 AM finished boiling at 5 AM fog cleared up made sail lowered 20 buns of oil in the pump & filled 2 tanks between decks at 11 spoke the Friendship of Fair Haven Taber Master 15 months out 1100 lbs had a whale along side the first this season had been into 55° N saw nothing latter part brisk winds from SE steering SE thick hazy weather at 5 PM saw 11 whale in sight to late to lower took in sail 4 Men Sick & ends
Lat 53° 35' N Long 145° 48' W

Wednesday
May ^{the} 17

This day begins with brisk wind from SE & thick weather at 9 AM made sail heading S by W at 5 thick fog & strong wind from SW took ship steering SE at 8 AM saw a right whale lowered 3 Boats could not get fast came on board & reefed the topsails at 2 PM took in the foresail mizen topsails & jib at 4 fog lit up set them again at 5 spoke the Drabellows Sag Harbor Babcock Master 20 months out 1050 Bbls 500 of it Sperm at 7 took in sail strong wind & hazy weather so ends so ends

Thursday
May ^{the} 18

The first part light winds from SE pleasant weather at 7 AM a right whale in sight lowered 4 Boats struck one of them with the larboard Boat & the Bow Boat struck the same whale he soon died heavy the 2 Boats soon came out whale went to Winchester & the SS lost 25 fathoms of line & one iron came on board strong wind from SE & thick fog at 4 PM spoke the Bingham of Mystic Eldridge Master 9 months out 600 Bbls all hands employed in cleaning bones at 7 took in sail so ends so ends

Friday
May ^{the} 19

All these twenty four hours strong gales from S to SE by S lying under close reefed main topsail & fore sail head from NW to SE by S at 7 PM took in fore sail heavy gales & thick rainy weather so ends