

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Cruising June 1843

Wednesday
May 31

L B

Commences with light wind from N at 7 AM
lowered 4 Boats for a Right Whale struck him
with the Larboard Boat the Waist Boat got Stone
with the Whales head the Captain took him
to the Ship killed the Whales at 11 past 11 took
him to the Ship and cut the mainsail at 2 PM
Commenced cutting at 4 finished stowing wind
from N head ESE took in sail cleared up
decks & commenced Boiling. Cloudy weather
& some rain saw one ship & 4 Whales to day So Ends
Lat 52.15 N Long 143.15 W

Thursday
June 1

This day begins with strong wind from N thick rain
weather heading ESE under close reefed main
top sail & fore sail employed in Boiling middle
part more pleasant. Mended the Waist Boat
at noon saw a ship standing to the Westward
latter part strong gales from NW & Cloudy
Saw no Whales So Ends Lat 52.02 N Long 143.15 W

Friday
June 2

L B

Commences with strong wind from N & Cloudy weather
heading ESE employed in boiling at 4 PM
saw ship to NW at 5 pleasant weather made
sail at 10 lowered 3 Boats for a Right Whale did
not get past at 1 PM saw another under 3 Boats
struck & killed him took him to the ship
at 5 commenced cutting at 11 past 11 finished
cleared up the sails calm hazy weather So Ends
Lat 51.58 N

Saturday
June 3

This day begins with calm hazy weather all employed
in clearing away the Whales head & stowing oil in
the tanks at 6 started Boiling at 7 commenced bak-
ing out between decks for Pipe Shovels heads saw
2 Whales going quick to the Northward did not lower
for them latter part light wind from N & by E
& pleasant weather heading N by E So Ends Lat 52.00 N

Sunday
June 4

All these twentyfour hours brisk wind from N & E
heading NW employed in boiling the Copper setting
up Pipes for Water saw a ship to SW in back & killed
a Right Whale So Ends Lat 52.15 N

Monday
June 5

Commences with brisk wind from N & E heading NW
employed in Boiling at 9 AM saw 2 Right Whales
lowered 3 Boats struck one with the Larboard Boat
the Bow Boat struck the same whale he sounded
& parted the Iron Slaps & lost him with 3 Boats came
onboard & went to stowing down oil put down 15 lbs
in the main hatch & filled 3 Pipes with fresh Water
between decks at noon finished Boiling saw several
Whales fresh wind from NW heading NW dark
hazy weather So Ends Lat 52.48 N Long 144.33 W

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Tuesday
June 6

This day begins with brisk wind from NW heading
NW from Squally weather at 4 PM commenced
baking out Water from the main hatch & filling
Pipes between decks at 7 commenced stowing oil at
at 5 PM finished put down 15 lbs cleared up deck
& were ship heading NW the Waist W saw one whale
to day So Ends Lat 52.42 N

Wednesday
June 7

Commences with light wind from the Westward
& Cloudy weather with some fog at 4 PM made
sail steering & employed in gunning Bone at 11
AM lowered 3 Boats for a Right Whale did not
get past came onboard & stood in the Copper
setting up Pipes at 3 PM saw a whale lower
3 Boats for him strong wind & a bad sea cald
the Boats calmed & took in sail filled 2 Pipes
with fresh Water at 8 PM strong gales from
E & Rainy heading SE under close reefed
main top sail 3 men sick & of duty So Ends

Thursday
June 8

This day begins with heavy gales from E & thick
rainy weather heading SE under close reefed
main top sail at 5 PM saw a ship standing
to the Northward middle part wind hauled
to SE heading SW all hands employed in
washing ship latter part weather the same
So Ends Lat 53.18 N

Friday
June 9

Commences with heavy gales from SE & thick Rainy
weather heading SW under close reefed main
top sail at 5 AM the wind hauled to S & more
pleasant made sail steering N by W the Copper
setting up Pipes at 11 AM saw a Right Whale
going quick to the Windward to up to lower
latter part thick fog filled 4 Pipes with fresh
Water at 8 PM took in sail heading SE
So Ends Lat 54.00 N Long 145.33 W

Saturday
June 10

This begins with heavy gales from S heading SE
& thick weather at 5 AM the wind hauled
to SW saw ship to W & took in fore sail at
noon more pleasant made sail steering SE
at 4 PM saw a small Right Whale lower
3 Boats came in thick fog came onboard &
took in sail head to the Eastward So Ends
Lat 54.22 N

Sunday
June 11

Commences with light wind from SE & thick foggy weather
at 5 AM made sail heading S by W at 1 PM fog cleared
off at 3 saw a Right Whale lower 3 Boats struck him
with the Waist Boat the Line parted & lost him
shot in thick fog came onboard at 11 past 5 took
in sail heading S So Ends
Lat 54.00 N