

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Cruising June 1843

Monday
June 12

All these twenty four hours light wind from ESE to E by S & thick rainy weather heading from S to SSE & employed in ships duty at 6 PM took in sail
Saw nothing so ends Lat 53-35 N

Tuesday
June 13

Commences with brisk wind from E & cloudy weather at 4 AM made sail steering SSE at 4 PM saw a small Right Whale he went down we saw no more of him at 2 PM & heeled the topsails at 4 strong gales & thick rainy weather took in sail heading SE the wind ESE so ends

Wednesday
June 14

This day begins with brisk wind from the Eastward & thick foggy weather at 8 AM more pleasant made sail heading NE at 1 PM lowered 3 Boats for a Right Whale going quick could not strike him came on board light wind & heavy weather their was a dead whale in sight went to him with a boat he was spilt got 1 sperm & 50 fathoms of Manilla Squaline latter part calm & clearing at 11 past 7 took in sail so ends Lat 52-21 N Long 146-29

Thursday
June 15

The first part of this day calm rainy weather the middle part light winds from the Westward steering E saw a ship boiling at 5 PM calm saw a Right Whale about 3 miles off lowered 4 Boats could not strike him came on board & took in sail light airs from ESE so ends

Friday
June 16

Commences with light wind from ESE & cloudy at 1 past 3 AM made sail heading SE at 4 past 4 AM saw a Right Whale going quick to the Eastward lowered 3 Boats could not strike him shot in thick fog & strong wind at 5 AM spoke the William Fox of Baltimore Captain Lincoln 20 Months out 30 Blbs of Sperm Oil had not taken a whale this season at 2 PM strong gales from NNE heading SE by S & 2 heeled the topsails saw a whale going to windward at 6 took in sail so ends Lat 52-41 N Long 145-48 W

Saturday
June 17

All these twenty four hours strong gales from NNE by E to N & thick weather heading from SSE by E to ESE under close reefed main topsail & foresail saw one hump back so ends Lat 52-04 N

Sunday
June 18

Commences with strong wind from NNE & thick fog at 8 AM fog let up made sail at 10 lowered 3 Boats for a Right Whale shot in thick fog he came on board at 11 cleared up lowered 3 Boats struck killed & sunk the whale but 3 sperm & about 40 fathoms of line at 1 PM lowered 4 Boats for a whale could not get past 2 more whale close to the ship struck & killed one at 6 took him to the ship calm & thick fog secured the whale for the night & took in sail saw 6 whales the day so ends Lat 51-42 N Long 144-48 W

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Monday
June 19

This day begins with light wind from SSE & thick weather at 5 AM commenced cutting at 11 past 9 finished cleared up deck & made sail steering E at 2 PM saw a Right Whale lowered 4 Boats struck & killed him at 4 took him to the ship & commenced cutting at 9 finished strong wind from SSE & thick rainy weather close reefed the maintopsail & set the fore sail so ends Lat 44-48 N

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Tuesday
June 20

The first part of this day strong gales from NNE heading NW employed in boiling the middle part more pleasant the wind hauled to SW at 5 PM saw several Right Whale to the windward saw a whale to leeward lowered 3 Boats proved to be a Finback light wind from S by W & clearing weather heading NW by S so ends Lat 52-10 N

Wednesday
June 21

Commences with light baffling winds & hazy weather employed in boiling at 4 AM made sail saw a ship boiling at 10 AM saw a Right Whale lowered 3 Boats struck him with the Starboard Boat the sperm came out & he went to windward at 1 PM lowered for 3 whales going quick could not come up with them at 11 past 3 PM lowered for another struck & killed him towed him to the ship & took in sail calm hazy weather so ends a great many Finbacks in sight Lat 52-20 N

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Thursday
June 22

This day begins with calm pleasant weather employed in boiling past 40 Blbs of Oil in the tanks gained a lot of Bone at 9 commenced cutting the whale at 2 finished one ship in sight boiling last part light airs from the Eastward saw 2 whales the water blue so ends 3 men sick Lat 52-16 N Long 143-50 W

Friday
June 23

Commences with light wind from NNE heading E employed in boiling & brackeing out the fore hold & stowing fresh water between decks at 10 AM thick rainy weather latter part strong gales stowed down 8 Blbs of Oil heavy rain stopped boiling & took in the foresail saw 3 Right Whales this day going quick to the Northward so ends

Saturday
June 24

Commences with light wind from NNE & thick rainy weather at 5 AM the wind hauled to W by S & blew a heavy gale commenced boiling but the wind & sea coming so heavy had to come down lying under close reefed main topsail latter part the wind hauled to NNE heading NW so ends Lat 51-54 N Long 143-48 W