

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington cruising July 1843

Saturday July the 8th Commences with light Wind from the South & East heading to the S.W. at 6 AM Wind hauled to S.E. Steering S.E. employed in Squaring Bottoms & cleaning keel. at 4 PM Saw a dead Whale went to him with a Boat he was spilt got 1 Burnt & 5 pathons of live. at 5 PM Saw humpbacks Sulphur Bottoms & 1 Right Whale covered 9 Boats for him a Sulphur Bottom came in off Cape outward & stood on Steering S the Wind at 9 took in Sail heading N.W. & Right Whale in Sight So Ends Lat 55.58 N Long 144.35 W

Sunday July the 9th This day begins with brisk Wind from N.E. pleasant Weather at 8 AM Made Sail Steering S at 8 AM covered 9 Boats for a Right Whale went into him with the Boat but he struck the Boat & then in came on board & stood on saw a Ship Steering to the Eastward employed in Mending the Steamer Boat at 3 finished him at 9 and 5 Right Whales covered 8 Boats struck them with the Net Southward & Boat Boat got them Squaring Bottom the Boat Boat came out & the Whale went off took the other to the Ship & made him fast for the Right took in Sail saw a Ship to the Southward a plenty of Sulphur Bottoms cannot to day So Ends Lat 55.2.18 N

Monday July the 11th Commences with light Wind from N.E. & pleasant Weather at 9 AM Commenced cutting at 9 finished Made Sail Steering S.E. the Wind S.W. Saw finbacks & Sulphur Bottoms Commenced boiling at 2 PM Spoke the Pacific of New Bedford 100 Manns out 1400 Bbls & 4 more Ships in Sight Standing to the N.E. at 8 PM Spoke the Margaret of New Port 22 Manns out 850 Bbls of Spinn Vils & 5 Right Whales light Wind from S.W. Steering S.W. Saw a Right Whale So Ends Lat 54.52 N Long 145.32 W

Tuesday July the 11th Commences with brisk Wind from S.W. Steering S.E. pleasant Weather employed in boiling Whales part hazy the Wind fresh from S at 4 part 3 PM & Reefed the topsails saw 2 Ships last part thick fog the Wind S.W. at 4 part 6 took in Sail heading E and 3 finbacks to day So Ends Lat 54.00 N Long 144.07 W

Wednesday July the 12th This day begins with Brisk Wind from S.W. & thick Weather heading S.E. at 10 AM finished boiling Made Sail at 8 AM more pleasant the S.W. heading S.E. the latter part the Wind hauled to N.W. Steering S.W. thick Weather at dark took in Sail saw a Right Whale to Windward So Ends Lat 53.31 N Long 142.55 W

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Thursday July the 13th At 6 this day brisk Wind from N.W. S.W. & thick Weather heading from S.W. to S.E. all hands employed in Steaming Oil in the after hold put down 85 bbls Saw nothing So Ends Lat 52.46 N

Friday July the 14th Commences with light Wind from S.W. & thick fog at 3 AM made sail heading S.E. the middle & latter part more pleasant Saw one Finback at dark took in Sail thick Weather So Ends Lat 52.02 N Long 142.50 W

Saturday July the 15th The first part light Wind from S.W. at 3 AM Made Sail Steering N.W. at 7 AM saw a Right Whale covered 9 Boats he went down shot in foggy and nothing more of him came on board & stood on light Wind employed in cleaning keel the latter part strong Wind from S.W. & Rainy at 6 AM took in Sail heading N.W. So Ends Lat 51.57 N

Sunday July the 16th At 6 these twenty four hours brisk Wind from S.W. & thick Rainy Weather heading West Saw nothing So Ends

Monday July the 17th All this day light breeze & baffling with hazy Weather Steering S employed in Ships duty saw nothing at dark took in Sail So Ends Lat 52.24 N Long 142.43 W

Tuesday July the 18th The first part of this day light baffling Wind from S.E. to S.W. & cloudy Weather working the Ship to the Southward Saw Killy & a Whale carcass the middle part strong Wind & thick fog at 1 PM took in topsails at latter part strong Wind from S.W. Steering S.W. saw a Fin back at 8 took in Sail So Ends

Wednesday July the 19th Commences with strong gales from S.W. lying under close Reefed Main topsail & foresail at 7 AM set 2 Reefed fore Mizzen topsails heading S.E. at 11 AM saw a Right Whale to up to lower latter part Squally So Ends Lat 51.53 N Long 142.54 W

Thursday July the 20th The first part of these twenty four hours strong Wind from S.E. & thick Rainy Weather at 7 AM more pleasant Made Sail heading S.W. Saw Finback & middle part pleasant latter part Brisk Wind from S.W. Steering S.W. at 8 took in Sail So Ends Lat 51.13 N