

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Cruising July 1843

Friday
July the 21

Commences with light Wind from SW & cloudy weather at 4th part 3 AM made sail heading SSE saw a Right Whale going quick to the SE at 6 lowered 3 Boats my self sick could not go the Captain went in my Boat struck the Whale the 3rd came out at 1st part 3 PM lowered for another struck him with the Starboard Boat hauled him on board & took in sail light Wind from S. head SSE So Ends
Lat 50.18 N Long 140.30 W

Saturday
July the 22

The first part light Wind from E & hazy weather steering SSE the middle & latter part stormy then from E to SE & thick Rainy weather steering from SSE to SSW saw 2 Fin. Backs at 5 took in sail Green Water & Whale feed So Ends

Sunday
July the 23

Commences with strong Wind from SSE & thick Rainy weather at 5 AM lit up made sail steering Ely at 8 AM squally & heaved the topsails & furled the jib strong gales from S heading SSE at 8 PM took in sail saw Nothing So Ends

Monday
July the 24

This day begins with strong gales from SSW & squally weather at 4 AM made sail steering SE the middle & latter part light Wind from WNW employed in cleaning Bones saw Nothing So Ends
Lat 48.12 N Long 139.45 W

Tuesday
July the 25

Commences with light Wind from NW steering SE at 6 AM lowered 4 Boats for a Right Whale. Some Killers got round him & drove him off came on board & stood on after him at 8 lowered again for him could not get fast at 11 AM saw an other at 1st part lowered 4 Boats struck & killed him at 2 PM took him to ship & commenced cutting at 1st part 5 finished cleared up decks took in sail & commenced boiling light Wind from NE by 8 heading Ely So Ends

Wednesday
July the 26

All this day light Wind from NE to NW employed in boiling at 6 AM lowered 4 Boats for 3 Right Whales did not get fast at 11 lowered 3 Boats for another did not strike him at 5 PM lowered for the 3 Whales again struck & killed one took him to the ship made him fast for the night & took in sail cleared Whale in sight So Ends Lat 46.59 N Long 138.11 W

Thursday
July the 27

Commences with light Wind from the Westward employed in boiling at 7 AM commenced cutting at 1st part 11 finished cleared up decks at 2 PM commenced stowing Oil in the fore hold put down about 30 bbls. Wind from WNW & cloudy saw 2 Right Whales this day So Ends
Lat 46.52 N

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Friday
July the 28

All these twenty four hours brisk Wind from SW by W & thick foggy weather employed in boiling & stowing down Oil saw Nothing So Ends
heading NW by W

Saturday
July the 29

The first & middle part of this day brisk Wind & squally weather employed in boiling & breaking out empty Cask & pipe Shacks at 9 PM saw 3 Right Whales Windward at 5 lowered 3 Boats struck & killed one & hauled him to the ship at 10 got along side made him fast & took in sail light Wind from W & a bad sea going So Ends at 3 finished boiling
Lat 47.01 N Long 139.42 W

Sunday
July the 30

Commences with light wind & hazy weather at 5 AM broke out 5 Cask of fresh Water & some empty Cask from the main hold at 8 hooked on to the Whale the so bad could not cut on hook & let him lay thick & Rainy at 1 PM more pleasant went to cutting got the head throat & lips off & lowered for a Right Whale did not get fast calm pleasant weather at 3 finished cutting cleared up & went to boiling saw 4 Right Whales this day going to the Westward & a school of Black fish So Ends

Monday
July the 31

This day begins with light Wind from NW & cloudy weather employed in boiling at 9 AM lowered 3 Boats for a Right Whale struck him with the Waist Boat fastened with the Starboard Boat & got stove with his head put the line in the bow Boat calked up the Stoven Boat killed the Whale & he sunk came on board coiled the lines & lowered for another struck him with the Starboard & Waist Boats he ran to Windward & rounded heavily the SB line parted & the Waist Boat cut from him at 5 PM lowered for him again could not get fast came on board & took in sail the Cooper setting up pipes for fresh Water So Ends

Tuesday
August the 1

Commences with Brisk Wind from W & squally at 5 AM started boiling all employed in breaking out fresh Water from the main hold & putting it in pipes at 8 commenced stowing Oil put down 120 Bbls at 6 finished cleared up decks strong Wind from W heading NW So Ends
Lat 46.42 N

Wednesday
August the 2

All these 24 hours light Wind from W to SSW at 4 PM made sail steering NW employed in boiling & mending the Starboard Boat the Cooper setting up pipes at 5 PM saw a Right Whale to Windward at 1st part 6 took in sail head WSW So Ends
Lat 47.14 N Long 138.55 W