

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Cruising Dec 1843

Sunday
Dec 26

S B

Commences with light Wind from N E & pleasant weather at 7 AM made sail steering N W at 8 AM tacked to ESE at 12 past 9 saw a Right Whale lowered 3 Boats struck & killed him at 11 took him to Ship at 12 past 12 PM commenced putting at 1 past 2 PM finished Made sail steering E saw a Ship 3 Boats fast to a Whale to lower at 5 PM saw 2 Right Whales lowered 3 Boats did not strike them outward & took in sail heading ESE at 7 Captain Hull went on board the Ship Salomonander of Haver 28 mounting out 2300 Bbls to Ends John Rogers sick with the Fever & off duty. Lat 44° 11' S

Monday
Dec 27

This day begins with brisk Wind from N E & pleasant weather at 7 AM made sail steering E at 8 commenced boiling at 9 AM Captain Thomas & his Doctor came on board from the Ship Salomonander of Haver to John Rogers sick with the Fever at 3 PM tacked Ship steering N W Strong Wind & cloudy weather at 7 took in sail & stopped boiling saw 1 Finback & 1 Ends Lat 44° 44' S

Tuesday
Dec 28

The first part strong Wind from N E & thick Rainy weather heading N W at 8 AM light Wind from S W made sail steering S E at noon commenced boiling the latter part light Wind & pleasant weather saw Finbacks & one Ship at 7 PM took in sail so Ends Lat 44° 42' S

Wednesday
Dec 29

W B

Commences with calm hazy weather employed in boiling at 10 AM light Wind from S made sail steering S W at 12 past 12 PM finished boiling at 1 AM saw a small N. Whale lowered 3 Boats struck him with the Starboard Boat & from came out at 1 past 12 PM lowered 3 Boats for 2 Right Whales struck & killed one at 1 past 3 PM took him to the Ship at 4 commenced putting at 7 finished took in sail light Wind from S by E heading W by S saw 1 Ship & 1 Ends Lat 44° 21' S Long 76° 54' W

Thursday
Dec 30

The first part of this day light Wind from S E at 4 AM made sail steering N W all hands employed in boiling & stowing down Bbls at noon steering S E at 6 PM finished stowing put down about 7 PM Bbls latter part Strong Wind saw Finbacks & one Ship at 7 took in sail so Ends Lat 43° 52' S

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Friday
Dec 31

All these twenty four hours Strong Gales from S by E heading S by E employed in boiling the Copper employed in setting up Pipes saw 2 Ships & 1 Finback so Ends Lat 43° 27' S Long 75° 41' W

Saturday
Dec 31

Commences with Strong Wind from S by E heading S by E employed in boiling at 6 AM finished boiling & made sail S E to S E at 3 PM spoke the Gabonet of Stonington Captain Noyes 7 months out 600 Bbls latter part Strong Wind from N W at 7 PM took in sail head S saw Finbacks

Sunday
Dec 31

The first part of this day Strong Gales from N W heading S at 1 AM was Ship to N W & thick Rainy weather the middle & latter part Strong Gales from S W heading N W under close reefed Main topsail & foresail saw a Barque Ship to the wind so Ends Lat 43° 49' S Long 75° 49' W

Monday
Dec 31

All these twenty four hours heavy gales from S W to S heading from N W to N W lying under close reefed Main topsail & foresail last evening after waiting for the above day a heavy Sea struck the Ship the barboard Waist & Stove the Waist Boat to pieces & washed the gangway Board out from the Starboard Waist = 1 Ship in sight so End heading N W under close reefed Main topsail & fore topmast staysail Lat 42° 36' S Long 75° 30' W

Tuesday
Dec 31

The first part Strong Gales from S lying under close reefed Main topsail & fore topmast staysail heading N W at 3 PM more moderate set the foresail the middle & latter part light Wind from S W & pleasant weather employed in planing Bone & stowing Oil in the after hold I hooked it off put 2 pipes below decks put 45 Bbls of Oil 11 of Pork 5 of Molasses & 2 Sixties of Flour in the after hold & some Bones at 8 PM were Ship heading S E saw a Barque Ship so Ends Lat 42° 05' S

Wednesday
Dec 31

Commences with light Wind from S W & pleasant weather at 4 AM made sail steering S E all employed in bunching Bone & stowing Provisions took in the Stove Boat & broke her up saw Hump & Finbacks at 6 PM tacked Ship to S by W the Wind S by E so Ends Lat 41° 05' S