

Charles Phelps of Stonington Homeward Bound. 1844

Sunday
March the 24

Commences with brisk Wind from WSW Steering
N. by W under 2 Reefed Topsails a heavy head sea at
8 AM strong Wind from SSW let keepees out fore & main
Topsails past a large Ship heading SE at 10 AM put
1 keef in the fore & main Topsails at 12 past 11 2 keepees
there furlled the mainsail jib & Mizzen topsail at 1
PM took a heavy Squall furlled fore & main topsail &
fore sail Steering N. by E. at 2 PM more moderate set
Fore sail & blaste keepees fore & main topsail at 4 set
Main sail & jib. Squally Weather, heavy sea on at 15
past a Brig lying to at 6 Wind W at furlled mainsail
& jib so Ends Sat 33.44 N Long 58.55 W

Monday
March the 25

Ship day begins with heavy gales from NW & Squally
head W by E under blaste keepees fore & main Topsails
at 1 AM took in fore topsail at 1 PM set fore sail
at 12 past took it in broke the port band to the
main topsail yard blew up the sail ficed it & set
the sail at 5 set fore sail saw 1 Ship & 3 Brigs Steering
SE this day Pumped considerable Oil so Ends
Sat 34.27 N

Tuesday
March the 26

Commences with strong gales from NW by W & Squally
lying under blaste keepees main topsail & fore sail then
N by E at 2 AM set blaste keepees fore & mizen
topsails at 3 set mainsail & jib at 8 AM Wind
W head NW at 10 let 1 keef out the fore & mizen &
2 out the main Topsail got out fresh water at
12 past 11 keepees the main & mizen Topsails a heavy
head sea at 1 PM strong Wind took in jib & spanker
at 2 blaste keepees the fore & main Topsails at 5
took in fore & mizen Topsails at 12 past 6 took in
mainsail saw nothing so Ends
Sat 35.11 N Long 58.46 W

Wednesday
March the 27

Ship day begins with strong gales from W by S & Squally
heading E by W under blaste keepees main Topsail
& Foresail at 5 AM more pleasant set fore & mizen
Topsails jib & mainsail at 8 AM let 2 keepees out
Topsails at 10 set fore & main Topsails & set
a brig Steering SE at 12 past 11 strong Wind &
heavy sea took in topgallentails & jib 2 keepees
the topsails at 5 PM more moderate the Wind
W by W let 1 keef out the Topsails & set topgallent
sails & jib at 8 keepees mizen topsail & furlled
Flying jib so Ends

Sat 35.12 N Long 59.58 W

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Thursday
March the 28

Commences with Brisk Wind from WSW head
N at 2 AM Wind NW by N head N by E at 6
AM at 9 AM brisk Wind from SE Steering
N by W & N by W by W at 4 PM past a Ship Steering
N by W saw Black fish & Porpoises & a Sunfish at 6
PM took in topgallentails at 2 keepees the
Topsails strong Wind from E by E & Green Water
so Ends

Sat 37.37 N Long 59.29 W

Friday
March the 29

Ship day begins with strong Wind from E & cloudy
Steering N by W under 2 keepees Topsails at 12 past
3 AM let keepees out at 5 AM set topgallentails
Wind SE & Rainy at 7 Steering NW by W saw a brig
& schooner at 10 AM Brisk Wind from S & more
pleasant at 1 PM Steering NW set Studding sails
at 1 PM kept off NW at 2 thick fog at 4
sounded in 65 Fathoms Green Laze at 6 sounded
in 45 Fathoms Green Laze all employed in
Ships duty at 10 38 Fathoms at 12 37 Fathoms light
Wind from W & thick fog lying with main Topsail
aback head NW by W so Ends

Sat 39.37 N Long 71.55 W

Saturday
March the 30

Commences with light Wind from W & thick foggy
Weather lying with main Topsail aback head NW
at 4 AM fog lit up made sail & steed in NW
5 sail in sight at 11 PM took the Wind from
N by E tacked to NW at 2 Wind N by E Steering N
at 6 PM past Montauk point at 7 came aback
off Watch Hill Reef at 12 past 1 took pilot standing
off & in the Sound so Ends Captain Hatt Went Home

Sunday
March the 31

Ship day begins with Brisk Wind from E by E & cloudy
Weather lying off between Block Island & Watch Point
at 1 AM thick & Rainy 2 keepees the Topsails at 3
heavy Squalls took in jib & foresail at day light
stood in for Watch point came in thick sheet off
split Mizen Topsail topmast staysail & parted the
leach rope to the main Topsail blaste keepees the
Topsails kept off & went round the West end of
Fishers Island & came to anchor off New London
Light House in 10 Fathoms with Starboard anchor
& 10 Fathoms chain the Wind hauled to NW & more
pleasant bent topmast staysail fleared up decks
& the latter part snow & hail so Ends