

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Outward Bound 1844

Thursday
Sept. the 26

These 24 hours commences with a strong gale from W and squally steering E by S under double reef fore and main top sail and fore sail at 4 p.m. took in the fore top sail and ~~close~~ reefed the main at 6 p.m. took in the fore sail and hove the ship too under close reef main top sail main spencer and fore top mast. Day sail blowing very heavy in squalls and a very bad sea at 6 a.m. looked the fore sail and ~~the~~ ship off E by S at 8 took in the bow boat for fear of losing it. A very bad sea running at 11 more moderate. Shook a reef out of the main top sail and set the fore double reefed wind SW so ends

Obs Lat 37.47 S Long 30.02 E

Friday
Sept. the 27

These 24 hours commences with a gale from SSW steering ESE under double reef fore and main top sail and fore sail with squalls of rain and hail. Middle part moderate. Set the mizzen top sail and set shook the reefs out of the main top sail at daylight raised a large school of blackfish lowered 3 boats and killed 12 saved 10 of them at 11 a.m. came along side took up the boats got breakfast commenced clearing of them away so ends

Obs Lat 37.22 S Long 31.56 E

Saturday
Sept. the 28

These 24 hours commences with a fine breeze from SW and pleasant steering SE by E finished clearing the blackfish away and washed the decks at 6 p.m. took in the mizzen sail and double reefed the main at daylight made all sail commenced boiling blackfish light winds from SE steering SE at 10 a.m. raised a right whale lowered 3 boats but could not get fast at 12 came on board another whale in went after him but no better success all going very quick to the SW so ends

Obs Lat 37.01 S Long 34.19 E

Sunday
Sept. the 29

These 24 hours commences with light winds SW steering SE at 1 p.m. the boats came on board at 6 shortened sail and set quarter watches at 8 finished boiling they made us 12 barrels at daylight made sail and steered SE with a fresh breeze from SW at 10 took in the fore top gallant sail saw nothing

Obs Lat 37.56 S Long 36.08 E

Monday
Sept. the 30

These 24 hours commences with a strong from SW and pleasant steering SE at 2 p.m. breezed on took in main top gallant sail and reefed the mizzen top sail at 4 past 5 saw several right whales it being late and very rugged did not lower shortened sail and luffed by the wind ship heading ESE at 12 p.m. wore ship at daylight made sail a fresh breeze from SW thick smoky weather raised a whale at 6 a.m. lowered but did not see him afterwards tacked and retacked at strong breeze double reefed the top sails

Obs Lat 37.35 S Long 37.44 E

Tuesday
Oct. the 1

This day begins with a strong breeze from SW thick smoky weather steering SW at sun down shortened sail and luffed by the wind at daylight made sail with a light breeze from SW thick misty weather steering E saw a finback so ends

No Obs

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Wednesday
Oct. the 2

Commences with a light breeze from SW thick weather steering E all sail set at sun down shortened sail and let her under double reef fore and main top sail & fore sail at daylight made all sail and steered E by S with a fresh breeze from SW saw nothing employed in repairing the main top gallant sail

Obs Lat 37.40 S Long 39.29

Thursday
Oct. the 3

Commences with a fresh breeze from SW and pleasant steering E with all sail set employed in repairing the flying jib at 7 p.m. took in fore and mizzen top gallant sails at 12 set them again latter part a strong breeze from W and squally saw finbacks

Obs Lat 36.08 S Long 42.38 E

Friday
Oct. the 4

This day commences with a strong breeze from W and squally steering E at 2 p.m. took in top gallant sails at 3 reefed the mizzen top sail at 1 a.m. moderate shook the reef out of mizzen top sail and set top gallant sails latter part light winds from SW and pleasant steering E by S saw several finbacks

Obs Lat 34.58 S Long 44.59

Saturday
Oct. the 5

These 24 hours commences with light airs from SW and pleasant steering ESE unbent the fore top sail and bent the old one at 10 p.m. a fine breeze sprang up from SW latter part brisk winds and pleasant employed in middle stitching the fore top sail saw finbacks

Obs Lat 34.48 S Long 47.04 E

Sunday
Oct. the 6

Commences with a brisk wind from SW and pleasant steering ESE with all sail set middle part thick foggy latter part light winds from W and pleasant saw finbacks so ends

Obs Lat 34.26 S Long 50.11

Monday
Oct. the 7

This day begins with a brisk wind from WSW and pleasant steering SE by E all sail set at 12 p.m. then hauled to S steering by the wind latter part light baffling winds from the southward and eastward and pleasant saw nothing so ends

Obs Lat 34.22 S Long 52.57 E

Tuesday
Oct. the 8

These 24 hours commences with light baffling winds from the southward and eastward and pleasant unbent the main top sail and bent the one that was forward at 9 p.m. tacked ship and headed SSE at 11 heading SE the wind ESE latter part a fine breeze from SW and pleasant steering SE saw finbacks so ends

Obs Lat 34.22 S Long 54.28 E

Wednesday
Oct. the 9

This day commences with a fresh breeze from SE and pleasant all sail set steering SE at 6 p.m. took in top gallant sails at 6 a.m. set the top gallant sails again with a fresh breeze from SE saw several finbacks so ends these 24 hours

Obs Lat 35.37 S Long 57.13 E