

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Indian Ocean 1844

Thursday
Oct the 24

This day commences with a strong breeze from N cloudy, hazy weather at 1 p.m. hauled up ESE at 3 p.m. shut in thick foggy & rainy at 4 p.m. shortened sail ship heading ESE under close reef main top sail and fore sail middle and latter part thick and rainy lying too saw nothing so ends
so ends

Friday
Oct the 25

These 24 hours commences with a strong breeze from WSW thick and rainy weather at 2 p.m. it moderated and cleared up pleasant made sail and steered NE at sun down took in sail and luffed to the wind to the northward saw finbacks at daylight made sail and steered NE with a light breeze from SSW and pleasant saw nothing
Obs Lat 34.43 S Long 71.17 E

Saturday
Oct the 26

Commences with a light breeze from SSW and pleasant steering NE at dark shortened sail and luffed by the westward at daylight made sail and steered ESE with a light breeze from WSW and pleasant at 11 a.m. spoke the Fabius of New Bedford Captain Nickerson 3 1/2 months out 1 whale the capt came on board at 12 returned on board saw nothing
Lat 34.04 S

Sunday
Oct the 27

These 24 hours commences with light breeze from the westward and pleasant at 2 p.m. saw 3 whales lowered 4 boats struck killed and saved one at 3 p.m. took him along side at 4 p.m. commenced cutting at 7 finished took in sail ship heading to the southward at 3 a.m. commenced boiling latter part calm saw nothing
Lat 34.05 S Long 71.44 E

Monday
Oct the 28

This day commences with a calm and pleasant employed in boiling at 3 p.m. lowered 3 boats for whale but they proved to be finbacks at 4 p.m. a light breeze sprang up from the NE ship heading NE at dark shortened sail at 12 past 4 p.m. finished boiling at daylight made sail and steered SSE at 10 hauled up S with the Fabius in sight saw a plenty of finbacks so ends
Obs Lat 34.29 S Long 72.07 E

Tuesday
Oct the 29

Commences with a brisk wind from N steering SSE and pleasant at 1 p.m. hauled by the wind heading ESE employed in running the oil into the tanks at sun down shortened sail at 9 p.m. wore ship at daylight made sail and stood to the N with a fresh breeze from N and pleasant at 10 a.m. tacked ship heading NE saw the Fabius cutting a whale saw finbacks so ends
Obs Lat 34.27 S Long 72.00 E

Wednesday
Oct the 30

This day begins with a fresh breeze from N and pleasant ship heading SE at sun down wore ship and shortened sail at daylight sail ship heading to the westward with a light breeze from NW at 5 a.m. shut in thick foggy at 9 lighted up wind shifted to W wore ship heading NWN latter part calm saw nothing
Obs Lat 34.30 S Long 71.50 E

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Thursday
Oct the 31

These 24 hours commences with light airs from W and pleasant steering SE by W at 5 p.m. saw a whale lowered 4 boats and chased but could not strike at sun down came on board and shortened sail middle and latter part calm lowered about and killed 2 sun fish sank one and saved one employed in cleaning bone so ends
Obs Lat 33.58 S Long 71.44 E

Friday
Nov the 1

This day begins with a calm and pleasant packed the bone and stowed it away at daylight a light breeze sprang up from N made sail and steered W at 10 a.m. steered SSE saw a sail so ends
Obs Lat 34.10 S Long 71.31 E

Saturday
Nov the 2

Commences with a light breeze from NE and pleasant steering SSE at 11 a.m. wore round and steered WSW at 6 p.m. spoke the Fabius the captain lowered his boat and went on on board at 9 p.m. returned wore ship heading NW at daylight made sail with a fine breeze from NE at 6 a.m. saw 2 whales lowered 3 boats and chased but could not get past saw a great many finbacks tacked and retacked several times this forenoon
Obs Lat 34.08 S Long 71.03 E

Sunday
Nov the 3

These 24 hours commences with a fresh breeze from NE and pleasant ship heading NW at 2 p.m. tacked ship at 3 saw a whale lowered 3 boats and chased without success at 5 came on board at sun down shortened sail ship heading NW by N at 3 a.m. wore ship at daylight made sail with a fresh breeze from NE ship heading ESE at 8 a.m. tacked ship at 10 kept off NW by W at 11 saw several whales at half past 11 lowered 4 boats struck killed and saved one so ends
Obs Lat 34.13 S Long 71.14 E

Monday
Nov the 4

This day commences with a fresh breeze from NE and pleasant at 2 p.m. took the whale along side at 4 p.m. commenced cutting at 7 finished took in sail ship heading E brisk wind from NE at 1 p.m. wore ship at daylight made sail with a strong breeze from SE and misty weather at 8 a.m. saw 2 whales lowered 3 boats and chased did not strike at 11 came on board breezed on thick and rainy took in sail ship heading ESE so ends
so ends

Tuesday
Nov the 5

These 24 hours commences with a strong breeze from NE thick and rainy lying too under double main top sail and fore sail employed in boiling at 7 p.m. wore ship to the westward the wind hauled to NW at 3 a.m. wore ship at daylight a strong breeze thick and some rain at 6 a.m. finished boiling latter part lying too dirty weather ship heading W wind from SSW
Obs Lat 34.32 S Long 70.40 E

Wednesday
Nov the 6

Commences with a strong breeze from SSW and rugged at 3 p.m. more moderate wore round and stood ESE under easy sail at sun down took in sail luffed by the wind heading SE at 12 p.m. wore ship to the westward at daylight made sail and steered ESE at 8 a.m. hauled to the northward light winds and pleasant employed in stowing down a sail in sight boiling saw finbacks so ends
Obs Lat 34.09 S Long 70.34 E