

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Indian Ocean Dec 1844

Thursday
Dec the 5

These 24 hours commences with a strong breeze from N.W. and foggy ship heading W at 1 p.m. it lighted up made sail and stood to the westward at 6 p.m. shortened sail thick foggy smoke and latter part blowing strong thick weather with some rain ship lying too heading W a sail in sight so ends
Obs Lat 37.35 S Long 74.19 E

Friday
Dec the 6

This day begins with a fresh breeze from N.W. at 1 p.m. it lighted up made sail at 1/2 past 1 spoke the Bartholomew Gosnold of New Bedford, boiling with 6 right whales and 80 sperm at 8 p.m. saw a right whale going quick lowered but could not come up with him at sun down shortened sail at daylight made sail with a brisk wind from W at 5 a.m. saw right whale lowered 3 boats at 6 struck killed and saved one at 10 took him along side got breakfast and commenced cutting so ends
Obs Lat 37.18 S Long 74.13 E

Saturday
Dec the 7

Commences with a light breeze from W and pleasant at 2 p.m. finished cutting saw 2 whales to leeward lowered the boats without success came on board and got dinner at 4 saw more whales lowered 4 boats struck and killed 2 saved one sunk one at sundown took him along side and shortened sail a number of whales in sight lost 80 fathoms of line and 2 irons at 10 p.m. commenced boiling at 5 called all hands and got breakfast at 1/2 past 6 commenced cutting at 1/2 past 7 finished made sail ship heading S.W. with a light breeze from N.W. so ends
Obs Lat 37.23 S Long 74.40 E

Sunday
Dec the 8

This day begins with a light breeze from N.W. beating to windward with fine pleasant weather saw several whales to windward 4 or 5 miles off at sun down double reefed the top sails ship heading S.W. by W at daylight made sail with a light breeze from W and pleasant 5 sail in sight saw right whales lowered at 6 a.m. lowered 3 boats and chased but could not get fast at 11 came on board employed in boiling so ends
Obs Lat 37.18 S Long 74.41 E

Monday
Dec the 9

These 24 hours commences with light airs from the westward and calms fine pleasant weather employed in boiling at sun down shortened sail at 12 p.m. finished boiling at daylight made sail with a strong breeze from W and hazy 4 sail in sight ship heading N.W. at 10 a.m. breezed on shortened sail and commenced stowing down thus ends blowing strong and rugged saw 2 right whales so ends
Obs

Tuesday
Dec the 10

Commences with a strong gale from the northward and hazy ship heading to westward employed in stowing down at 6 finished stowed down 140 bbls at 7 wore ship to eastward at daylight made sail with a strong wind from N.W. and smoky hazy weather at 1/2 past 11 spoke the Thomas Dickason of Sag Harbor Capt. Lower 4 months out 3 whales saw nothing so ends
Obs Lat 37.20 S Long 74.57 E

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Wednesday
Dec the 11

These 24 hours begins with a strong breeze from N.W. and thick weather ship heading W in company with the Thomas Dickason at sun down shortened sail at daylight made sail thick weather at 8 a.m. lighted up 4 sail in sight steering S with a light breeze from W saw a great number of finbacks so ends
Obs Lat 38.18 S Long 74.23 E

Thursday
Dec the 12

This day commences with a light breeze from N.W. and smoky weather ship heading S at 1 p.m. saw a right whale lowered 3 boats and chased but could not get fast at 1/2 past 2 came on board tacked ship to N.W. at sun down shortened sail at daylight set double reefed top sail and gib with a strong breeze from W ship heading N.W. employed in cleaning bone saw nothing so ends
Obs Lat 37.39 S Long 73.59 E

Friday
Dec the 13

Commences with a strong breeze from W and squally ship heading N.W. at 1 p.m. wore off and steered N.E. by E at sun down shortened sail and spoke the Leonidas of Fairhaven 17 months out 700 sperm and 7 right whales ship heading to the southward at daylight made sail with a fresh breeze from W and squalls of rain steering S.E. by E latter part a light breeze from S.W. and pleasant steering S.E. by E with all sail set saw nothing
Obs Lat 37.18 S Long 75.15 E

Saturday
Dec the 14

This day begins with a light air from S.W. and pleasant steering S.E. by E at 5 p.m. unbent the main top sail and bent another at sun down shortened sail a breeze sprang up from N. steering off S.E. by E under easy sail at daylight made sail with a fresh breeze from the westward steering S.E. by E saw 6 sail no whales
Obs Lat 37.33 S Long 77.11 E

Sunday
Dec the 15

These 24 hours commences with a fresh wind from the westward and pleasant steering S.E. at 3 p.m. spoke the ship Eugene of Stonington Capt. Knutson 400 barrels at 5 p.m. made the Island of Amsterdam at sun down hefted by the land shortened sail at daylight made sail and steered in for the land at 10 a.m. got in with land lowered 3 boats and went in shore to fish in company with 20 sail

Monday
Dec the 16

Commences with a fresh breeze from the westward and pleasant boats ashore fishing at 5 p.m. the boats came on board with 600 fish spoke the Mary & Susan of Stonington Capt. Hubbard 80 bbls of sperm 83 right whales at sundown shortened sail at daylight made sail with a fresh breeze from the westward at 3 a.m. lowered 2 boats and went in to fish at 11 came on board with 450 fish satua about 9 barrels and saved a plenty fresh

Tuesday
Dec the 17

Begins with a strong breeze from the westward and pleasant at 2 p.m. put off S.E. in company with the Eugene and Mary & Susan at sun down shortened sail we let the Eugene have 20 harpoon at daylight made sail with a strong westerly wind and rugged latter part more moderate employed in stowing water in the fore hold to twin ship 10 sail in sight
Obs Lat 38.40 S Long 78.52 E