

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Indian Ocean 1844

Wednesday
Dec the 18

These 24 hours commences with a strong westerly wind and pleasant a 3 p.m. finished stowing down 120 barrels of water in the fore hold to trim ship at sun down shortened sail a number of sail in sight at daylight blowing a strong gale from NW at 7 a.m. the wind hauled to W wore ship to E & W and took in the fore sail blowing heavy 3 sail in sight so ends
Obs Lat 39.23 S Long 78.44 E

Thursday
Dec the 19

This day commences with a heavy gale from W ship lying too under close reefed main top sail and fore top mast stay sail heaving NW at 6 a.m. more moderate set the fore sail at 10 p.m. a heavy sea boarded us on the larboard quarter and stove the larboard quarter boat very badly and stove the bulwarks but not bad at 10 a.m. wore ship to the southward the Mary & Susan and Eugene in sight so ends
Obs Lat 38.47 S Long 78.28

Friday
Dec the 20

Commences with strong gale from the westward ship lying too heading southward at 1 p.m. more moderate set double reef fore and mizzen top sail at 6 p.m. took them in again at daylight more moderate made sail with a strong breeze from NW and overcast steering SW at 8 a.m. saw a right whale lowered 3 boats and chased but could not get fast at 10 came on board blowing strong double reefed the top sail at 11 blew on to a strong gale took in sail and hose the ship too thick weather with some rain
Obs Lat 39.15 S

Saturday
Dec the 21

These 24 hours commences with a strong gale from NW thick rainy weather ship lying too under double reef main top sail and fore sail heading NW at 4 p.m. the wind hauled to W ship heading SE at 6 p.m. close reefed the main top sail Mary & Susan and Eugene in company at 7 a.m. wore ship with a strong gale from the westward look in the fore sail ship heading NW under close reef main top sail blowing heavy in squalls with hail and rain saw the Mary & Susan running off to eastward
Obs Lat 39.49 S Long 78.48 E

Sunday
Dec the 22

This day begins with a strong gale from the westward with squalls of hail and rain ship lying too under close reef main top sail and fore top mast stay sail heading NW middle and latter part the same the Eugene in company
Obs Lat 39.15 S Long 78.20

Monday
Dec the 23

Commences with a strong gale from the westward ship heading NW under close reef main top sail and fore top mast stay sail at 6 p.m. wore ship to the southward at daylight more moderate made sail with a fresh breeze from NW and ruggel at 6 a.m. raised a shoal of small sperm whales going quick to windward lowered 3 boats and chased but could not get fast the Eugene being to windward saw her lower the boats and take one at 10 came on board ship heading S
Obs Lat 39.18 S Long 78.54 E

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Tuesday
Dec the 24

These 24 hours commences with brisk winds from NW & S and pleasant ship heading S by W at sun down shortened sail at daylight made sail with a strong breeze from NW and overcast ship heading NW at 7 a.m. kept off and steered S saw nothing
Obs Lat 40.23 S Long 79.13 E

Wednesday
Dec the 25

This day commences with strong gales from NW and hazy steering SE at 6 p.m. luffed by the wind heading NW and took in sail close reefed the main top sail and furled the fore sail at daylight moderate weather made sail with a light breeze from SW ship heading NW at 6 a.m. wore and steered SE at 9 saw right going very quick did not lower the boats so ends
Obs Lat 40.38 S Long 80.44 E

Thursday
Dec the 26

Commences with light airs from the southward and calm ship heading to the eastward at sun shortened sail at daylight a strong breeze from SE and thick weather at 9 a.m. it lightened up made sail and steered SW saw one finback so ends
Obs Lat 41.03 S Long 80.22 E

Friday
Dec the 27

This day begins with a strong breeze from NW and hazy steering SW under double reef fore and main top sail at 3 p.m. shut in thick and riving shortened sail and luffed by the wind heading NW at daylight more moderate made sail with a fresh breeze from NW ship heading SE at 8 a.m. tacked ship to SW at 11 a.m. squally wore off and steered SE saw nothing so ends
Obs Lat 41.33 S Long 81.03 E

Saturday
Dec the 28

These 24 hours begins with a strong breeze from W and squally with some rain steering SE at 1 p.m. blowing strong took in the mizzen top sail and close reefed the main at 5 p.m. a strong gale took in the fore top sail and fore sail luffed by the wind heading NW at daylight set double reef top sails and steered SE with a strong gale from the westward saw nothing
Obs Lat 41.18 S Long 83.23 E

Sunday
Dec the 29

Begins with a strong gale from the westward and cloudy hazy weather steering SE under double reef fore & main top sail and fore sail at 6 p.m. shut in thick foggy took in sail and luffed too heading NW at daylight made sail with a fresh breeze from W and squalls of fog steering SE & E saw finbacks
Obs Lat 40.54 S

Monday
Dec the 30

Commences with a light wind from the westward and thick weather steering SE at 5 p.m. Joseph Burbee died with the consumption at 7 p.m. buried him with services at dark shortened sail let her run under double reef main top sail & fore sail heading SE at daylight blowing a strong gale from the westward thick hazy weather steering SE under double reef main top sail and fore sail saw nothing so ends Joseph Burbee had been sick ever since we sailed from home
Obs Lat 41.48 S Long 87.32 E