

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Indian Ocean 1844

Thursday
Dec the 31

These 24 hours commences with a strong gale from the westward steering S E under double main top sail and fore sail at 7 p.m. close reefed the main top sail and furlled the fore sail luffed too heading NW at daylight made sail with a fresh breeze from NW and steered S E by E sun fin back so ends
Obs Lat 41.47 S Long 89.13 E

Wednesday
Jan the 1

Commences with a light breeze from SW and pleasant steering S E by E all sail set at sun down shortened sail to her run under easy sail at daylight made sail with a fresh breeze from the westward steering S E by S saw nothing so ends
Obs Lat 41.58 S Long 91.54 E

Thursday
Jan the 2

This day commences with a strong breeze from the westward and pleasant steering S E by E at sun down shortened sail and let her run under short sail at daylight made sail with strong westerly winds steering S E saw nothing so ends
Obs Lat 42.41 S Long 95.11 E

Friday
Jan the 3

These 24 hours commences with strong westerly gales thick hazy weather steering S E by E at sun down shortened sail and let the ship run under double reef main top sail and fore sail at daylight strong gales from NW thick foggy weather at 10 a.m. luffed up set the fore top sail at 11 shook the reefs out of the main top sail saw nothing
Obs Lat 43.06 S Long 98.34 E

Saturday
Jan the 4

Commences with strong westerly gales and pleasant steering ESE under fore and main top sail & fore sail at sun down took in the fore top sail and double reefed the main at daylight a strong gale from NW set double fore top sail thick foggy squally with some rain saw nothing
No Obs

Sunday
Jan the 5

This day begins with a strong gale from NW thick foggy rainy weather steering ESE under double reef fore and main top sail and fore sail at 7 p.m. took in the fore top sail & fore sail close reefed the main luffed too heading NE at daylight set the fore sail and steered ESE blowing a strong gale from the westward with squalls of rain saw nothing so ends
Obs Lat 43.06 S Long 104.09 E

Monday
Jan the 6

These 24 hours commences with strong westerly gales and squally steering ESE under close reef main top sail & fore sail at 3 p.m. shook a reef out of the main top sail and steered SE by E one of the green Portuguese sick with a swelling on his arm at daylight set single reef top sails squally weather saw nothing so ends
Obs Lat 43.31 S Long 107.18

Tuesday
Jan the 7

Commences with strong gales from NW and squally steering S E by E at 2 p.m. double reefed the fore and main top sails and took in the mizzen at sun down took in sail and dove the ship too under close reef main top sail heading NW thick and rainy at 7 a.m. put the ship off S E by E and set the fore sail blowing a strong gale & thick weather
Obs Lat 43.35 S Long 109.08 E

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Indian Ocean Jan the 8, 1845

Wednesday
Jan the 8

This day commences with strong westerly gales and thick weather steering S E by E under close reef main top sail and fore sail at sun down took in the fore sail and dove the ship too heading NW at daylight more moderate set double reef top sails and steered S E by E at 7 a.m. saw 2 right whales going very quick to windward at 9 shut in thick foggy so ends
Obs Lat 43.48 S Long 111.00

Thursday
Jan the 9

These 24 hours commences with light winds thick foggy weather from the westward steering S E by E at 7 p.m. saw a right whale shortened sail and luffed too at daylight made sail and steered S E by E with strong winds from NW thick hazy weather so ends
Obs Lat 44.29 S Long 113.00 E

Friday
Jan the 10

Begins with strong winds from NW and hazy weather steering ESE at 4 p.m. shut in thick foggy at sun down shortened sail to her run under double reef main top sail and fore sail at 4 a.m. set single reef top sails blowing strong strong from NW saw nothing so ends
Obs Lat 44.54 S Long 116.52 E

Saturday
Jan the 11

Commences with strong westerly gales and squally steering E by S under single reef fore & main top sails and close reef mizzen at 3 a.m. the hauled to NW at 8 a.m. double reefed the fore and main top sails blowing strong thick weather some rain saw nothing so ends this day
Obs Lat 44.54 S Long 120.20 E

Sunday
Jan the 12

These 24 hours commences with strong gales from NW steering E by S with clear weather at 2 p.m. more moderate shook the reef out of the fore and main top sails & one out of the mizzen went the gib and sent another at 2 a.m. set main top gallant sail latter part light winds and pleasant but rugged all sail set so ends
Obs Lat 44.54 S

Monday
Jan the 13

This day commences with light winds and pleasant but rugged all sail set at 2 p.m. saw 2 right whales lowered 3 boats and struck both of them the bows broke in of them the whale went off killed the other at 4 past 4 took him along side at 5 commenced cutting with heavy squalls of wind and rain at 8 finished cutting with the loss of head throat and hips parted the fin chain fluke rope and lost 2 rows at 9 took in sail with a heavy tempest at 10 a.m. blowing a heavy gale from SSW lying too under close reef main top sail at 7 wore ship heading S E so ends these twenty four hours
Obs Lat 44.39 S Long 123.23

Tuesday
Jan the 14

Commences with a strong gale from SW ship lying too under close reef main top sail at 1 p.m. the wind hauled to NW the weather more moderate put the ship off E by S set the fore sail shook one reef out of the main top sail at 5 p.m. commenced boiling chissel and latter part thick foggy misty weather at 12 a.m. finished boiling strong winds from NW so ends
Obs Lat 44.38 S Long 126.07 E

