

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Cruising 1845

Sunday
June the 29

This day commences with a strong breeze from N to NW & thick hazy weather ship heading to the Eastward at 8 a.m. set double reef top sails and hove at 4 p.m. thick foggy at sun down shortened sail saw Finbacks so ends
Obs Lat 50.13. N Long 167.30

Monday
June the 30

Commences with a strong breeze from NW to NW and overcast with squalls of fog at daylight made sail ship heading to the Eastward employed in cleaning boat at 3 p.m. shut in thick and rainy at sun down double reef the top sails wind light saw nothing this day so ends
Obs Lat 50.11. N Long 168.35 E

Tuesday
July the 1

Begins with a strong breeze from NW at 4 a.m. made sail and steered to Northward with pleasant weather at 6 p.m. saw a dead whale to windward lowered a boat went and made fast to him at dark the wind died away the weather being thick lost run of the ship left the whale at 1 p.m. past 11 got to the ship calm so ends
Obs Lat 50.58. N Long 168.30

Wednesday
July the 2

These 24 hours commences with light airs and calms at 6 a.m. a light breeze sprang up from NW & thick weather beating the ship to windward to look for the dead whale at 11 a.m. it lighted up saw nothing of him at 2 p.m. spoke the Warsaw of Stonington 7 months out 2 Right Whales 100 of sperm at dark shortened sail ship heading NW by E with a strong breeze so ends
No Obs

Thursday
July the 3

Commences with a strong breeze from NW and some fog at daylight made sail & wore ship to the Southward at 11 a.m. shut in thick foggy at sun down shortened sail light wind from SE so ends saw nothing
No Obs

Friday
July the 4

This day begins with light wind from SE & thick weather at daylight it lighted up for half an hour made sail ^{the wind} in thick foggy the remainder of the day at 4 p.m. hauled to E commenced raining took in sail and hove the ship too heading SE

Saturday
July the 5

All of these 24 hours a strong gale from E to NE and thick weather ship lying too heading to the Westward undaction reef main top sail at 8 p.m. wore ship to the Eastward so ends
Obs Lat 51.13. N Long 168.08 E

Sunday
July the 6

Commences with a strong gale from NW ship lying too heading NW at 12 a.m. moderated set the fore & main top sail & steered SE saw a whale lowered the boat it proved to be a polar whale could not get fast at sun down shortened sail
Obs Lat 51.30. N Long 167.21 E

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Monday
July the 7

These 24 hours commenced with a fresh breeze from NW and thick weather at 10 a.m. it lighted up made sail and stood to the Westward at 12 a.m. spoke the Newburyport of Stonington Capt Gray 12 months out 1350 bls at sun down shortened sail
Obs Lat 51.06 N Long 168.24 E

Tuesday
July the 8

Commences with light wind from N and pleasant ship heading to the Westward at daylight made sail at 8 a.m. saw a Right Whale lowered the boat and struck him he ran bad the bows drew & the whale went off later part light airs & calms at sun down shortened sail
Obs Lat 51.05 N Long 167.18

Wednesday
July the 9

First part of these 24 hours light airs from the Southward and calms with rain at 11 a.m. saw a whale turn flukes lowered the boat & went to him he proved to be a hump back later part pleasant steering at at sun down took in top gallant sails run the ship under the top sails saw a ship boiling
Obs Lat 51.16 N Long 167.13 E

Thursday
July the 10

Commences with winds from the Southward and pleasant steering at daylight made all sail at 7 a.m. saw a whale going quick lowered the boat but could not come up with him employed in mending sails at 7 p.m. saw 2 whales lowered but did not get fast came on board and shortened sail for the night 4 sail in sight ship heading NW by E
Obs Lat 51.41. N Long 167.40

Friday
July the 11

This day begins with fresh southerly wind and hazy weather at daylight made sail at 6 p.m. kept the ship off it at 9 saw a Right Whale lowered the boat but did not get fast at 11 came on board spoke the Falcon of New Bedford 3 Whales at 6 p.m. saw a whale going quick lowered without success at sun down shortened sail saw 8 or 10 sail this day encutting some boiling
No Obs

Saturday
July the 12

These 24 hours commences with a fresh breeze from NW and thick foggy with some rain at 8 a.m. it lighted up a little made sail ship heading NW at 9 it shut in thick again at 1 p.m. it lighted again spoke the North of Long Harbor 500 bls put the ship off NW at sun down saw 2 whales too late to cover shortened sail saw 8 sail this day 2 boiling
No Obs

Sunday
July the 13

Commences with a light wind from NW ship heading to the Westward thick foggy weather at 10 a.m. it lighted a little made sail fog squalls throughout the day saw Finbacks and Sulphur bottoms 4 sail in sight 2 boiling at sun down shortened sail
Obs Lat 53.08. N Long 167.36 E