

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Cruising 1845

Monday
July the 14

Found dead

This day Begins with a fresh breeze from S & S and thick weather at 6 a.m. it lighted made sail ship heading N with squalls of fog at 10 a.m. it cleared off at 12 kept the ship off N at 7 p.m. saw a dead whale run down at dark took him along side saw 2 whale shortened sail 7 sail in sight this day 2 baling saw one take a whale
Obs Lat 53.32 Long 166.43 E

Tuesday
July the 15

Commences with a fresh breeze from N & E and overcast at 6 a.m. commenced cutting at 9 finished made sail ship heading N & E saw 3 right whale going to the wind very quick did not lower saw a great many humpbacks at sun down shortened sail 8 sail in sight so ends
Obs Lat 53.37 Long 165.11 E

Wednesday
July the 16

All of these 24 hours strong winds and ruzzed with some rain wind N & E ship lying too heading N & E spoke the schooner of New Bedford 1000 bbls employed in boiling 8 sail in sight one boiling
Obs Lat 53.37 Long 165.11 E

Thursday
July the 17

Commences with a fresh gale from N & E and thick cherty rainy weather ship lying too under close reef main top sail heading N & W at 5 a.m. finished boiling he made 80 barrels at 1 p.m. saw ship heading 8 one sail in sight so ends

Friday
July the 18

These 24 hours Commences with a light wind from N & E and foggy at 4 a.m. it lighted made sail at 10 a.m. saw a whale turn flukes lowered it proved to be a hump back employed in stowing down saw a number of hump backs 8 & 2 sail stowed down 95 barrels at sun down shortened sail
Obs Lat 53.29 Long 163.30 E

Saturday
July the 19

Begins with light winds from S & E and pleasant at day light made sail and ^{steered} to the westward saw a ship cutting latter part light airs and calms at 5 p.m. spoke the Sargee Norton of New Bedford Capt. Sawyer 20 months out 2100 at sun down took in top gallant wind N & E ship heading N & E
Obs Lat 52.57 Long 161.56 E

Sunday
July the 20

Commences with light airs from the Eastward and calms steering N & E at daylight set the top gallant sails and flying till at 2 p.m. saw a dead whale lowered a boat and went to him it proved to be a humpback the Norton boat got there before us 5 sail in sight at sun down took in top gallant sails light airs from the southward steering N & E
Obs Lat 53.28 Long 161.58 E

Monday
July the 21

This day begins with light airs and calms at daylight set the top gallant sails at 6 a.m. a breeze spring up from N & ship heading N & E saw a great many humpbacks at 4 p.m. blowing fresh took in top gallant sails saw the land Mount Hermodora at blowing strong put the ship under double reef main top sail and fore ship and ship off shore 6 sail in sight this day at 9 p.m. close Obs Lat 54.02 Long 162.00 E
ref the main top sail took in the fore sail

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Tuesday
July the 22

These 24 hours a strong gale from N & E and thick weather ship lying too under close reef main top sail heading 8 at 6 p.m. moderated set the fore sail saw a French ship running before the wind read her name the Chance
Obs Lat 53.32

Wednesday
July the 23

Commences with light airs from N & E and thick foggy at 6 a.m. set the top sails and wore ship at 9 a.m. it lighted up made all sail ship heading N & W at 7 p.m. wore ship heading N & E at sun down shortened sail saw nothing so ends
Obs Lat 53.32

Thursday
July the 24

Begins with a light wind from S and thick foggy at daylight set the top gallant sails steering N & E latter part a fresh breeze from S & W at sun down shortened sail and let the ship run under double reef main top sail 8 fore sail
Obs Lat 53.44 Long 163.00 E

Friday
July the 25

These 24 hours commences a fresh breeze from S & W with squalls of fog steering N & E at daylight made sail and steered N & E latter part light winds and thick foggy steering from N & W at 8 saw 2 sail and several humpbacks
Obs Lat 53.10 Long 162.27 E

Saturday
July the 27

These 24 hours Commences with a fresh breeze from S and thick fog ship heading N & E at 7 a.m. it lighted up made sail steering N & W saw 3 hump backs the land in sight at 7 a.m. saw a right whale lowered 4 boats struck and killed him he run a long distance to windward blowing strong and ruzzed the Capt. went on board to work the ship up it came on to blow heavy at 8 p.m. set the signal to come on board at 7 came along side double reefed the fore and main top sail 8 took in the mizen saw 4 right whale 8 3 sail this day
Obs Lat 53.41 E

Sunday
July the 28

Commences with a strong breeze from S and thick fog ship heading N & E at 4 p.m. at 10 a.m. it lighted made sail weather more moderate beating to windward to look for the whale could not find him at sun down shortened sail winds light 2 sail in sight
Obs Lat 53.35 Long 163.50 E

Monday
July the 29

Begins with light airs from the southward and calms at daylight made sail thick hazy weather at 9 a.m. a light air sprang up from the northward ship heading to the westward latter part fresh breeze with squalls of fog the land in sight 8 one sail at sun down shortened sail Mount Hermodora bearing N & E distant 10 miles wind N & E ship heading N & E