

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Cruising for Whale 1848

Sunday
Sept the 28

These 24 hours Commences with light baffling winds at daylight made sail and finished boiling the whale in 110 Bbls Saw several Humpbacks at 1 p.m. a fresh breeze from ESE saw 2 right whale lowered without success at sundown shortened sail strong wind from ESE ship heading on sail in sight the land bearing SW by S distant 20 miles
Obs Lat 56.44 N

Monday
Sept the 29

All of these 24 hours strong winds from ESE with squalls of hail and rain ship lying too under double reef main top sail & fore sail heading to the Eastward all hands employed in stowing down at 12 a.m. spoke the Barque Asia of Spain 25 months out 1700 at 5 p.m. finished stowing down 125 Bbls

Tuesday
Sept the 30

Commences with a strong breeze from ESE with squalls of hail and rain at daylight made sail and stowed SE & middle part winds light and baffling saw a number of Humpbacks at 9 a.m. spoke the Brighton of New Bedford Capt Cox 1500 the Midas of So Capt Davis 1400 at sun down shortened sail with fresh breeze from E ship heading SE & Mount Huntsh distant 20 miles

Wednesday
Sept the 1

Begins with a breeze and baffling at daylight made sail ship heading in shore employed in cleaning bone at 2 p.m. saw 3 whale lowered 3 boats struck one and set him spouting blood with the Irons the line parted and the whale went off with 2 Irons chased him until night came on board and shortened sail a fresh breeze from ESE ship heading SE Mount Huntsh distant 12 miles 3 sail in sight this day
Obs Lat 55.47 N Long 163.10

Thursday
Oct the 2

These 24 hours Commences with a strong breeze from ESE and squalls of hail and rain at daylight set double reef top sails at 10 a.m. kept the ship off and steered S at sundown blowing a heavy Gale from SE took in sail and hove the ship too under close reef main top sail heading E 3 sail in sight this day all steering S
Obs Lat 55.06 N Long 163.22

Friday
Oct the 3

All of these 24 hours a strong gale from E with squalls of hail and rain at 6 a.m. set the fore sail and steered S saw nothing this day
No Obs

Saturday
Oct the 4

Commences with a fresh breeze from E steering SE at daylight the weather moderate made all sail steered SW by S latter part winds light and baffling at sundown double reefed the fore & mizzen top sail wind SE ship heading SE saw one sail this day
Obs Lat 51.34 N

Sunday
Oct the 5

Begins with a strong gale from SE at 1 p.m. took in the fore & mizzen top sails and hove the ship too under double reef main top sail and fore sail heading SE at 8 took in the fore sail blowing heavy in squalls with rain at 10 wind shifted to SE & wore ship heading SE latter part more moderate set the fore sail
Obs Lat 51.05 N Long 161.52

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Commences with a strong gale from SE with squalls of hail and rain ship lying too heading SE at 7 a.m. made sail and steered E at night set sea watches and carried sail saw nothing
Obs Lat 50.45 N Long 162.48

All of these 24 hours a strong wind from SE to SE by E steering SE with squalls of sleet and rain at 10 a.m. the 3rd sheet parted and lost the 3rd ship under single reef top sails and courses saw nothing
Obs Lat 49.48 N Long 165.16

These 24 hours commences with a strong breeze from NNE steering SE at 7 a.m. shook the reefs out of the top sails & set main top fallant sail at 12 a.m. bent a new 3rd and set it latter part light winds all sail set one sail in sight this day so ends
No Obs

Commences with light wind from NNE and overcast steering SE with all sail set latter part light baffling winds and pleasant at 7 p.m. a brisk wind from SE ship heading E saw several Humpbacks
Obs Lat 46.33 N Long 170.35
by Lunar 169.54

These 24 hours begins with a strong breeze from SE ship heading SE at 1 p.m. double reefed the top sails at 3 took in fore & mizzen top sails 3rd & main sail at 10 close reefed the main top sail & took in the fore sail blowing strong took the bow boat in on deck at 2 p.m. blowing very heavy and a very bad sea running at 4 carried away the after davit to waist boat & stove her badly got up tables and daved her at 8 the hauled to S and moderated at 9 set fore sail & close reef mizzen top sail split the fore top sail & spanker in blow so ends