

Chas Phelps

Bound to Chili

Sunday Aug 29th 1847

Strong breeze from the SW and ruggel. Standing by the wind to SSE with main top, 9 sail set. At 4 squally. South reefed the top sail and took in jib. Middle part blowing very hard and ruggel. At 2 took in the main sail. Latter part at 8 moderate. Set the jib and main sail. Reading SSE
42.36
49.26

Monday Aug 30th

Strong breeze from the SW and ruggel. Moderating. At 2 set single reefed main sail. Middle part set whole. At 4 took in the jib and main top. At 6 took in the main sail. Latter part moderates. Set all sail. Smoky weather. No observations
43.30
51.25

Tuesday Aug 31st

Light winds from the NW by N and smoke weather. Standing SW with all sail set. Bent a new fore top of sail. Middle part hoisted it and some showery. Steering SW by W. Latter part at 8 wind N and squally.
44.54
52.26

Wednesday Sept 1st

Strong breeze from the W and ruggel. At 4 reefed the top sail. Middle part set. At 7 hove the ship too heading SW. Under a close reefed main top sail and gave a little fore sail. Blowing tremendously. At 12 took in the fore sail. At 3 wind hauled and moderates. Latter part at 8 hove ship to N.W. At 10 set double reefed top sail.
45.54
52.40

Thursday Sept 2nd

Strong breeze from the S and squally but moderating. Making sail. Heading N.W. At 4 all sail set. Middle part calm. Latter part at 10 a light breeze from the SE.
46.12
53.36

Friday Sept 3rd

A light breeze from the SE and fine weather. Steering SW by W with all sail set. Saw fin back. Middle part showery. Latter part calm and weather the same.
46.37
55.30

Saturday Sept 4th

Light breeze from the E and cloudy. Steering SW by W with all sail set. At 3 the wind shifted to the S and showery. At 6 took in the top mast stand sail. At 7 squally. Took in fore and mid top of sail and fly jib. At 10 moderates. At the fly jib. Wind fresh from the SE. At 6 hauled to SE and set all sail. Fine weather. Saw fin back.
46.46
57.55

Sunday Sept 5th

At 2 wind shifted to the NW. Set stand sail and steered NW. Beautiful weather. Saw fin back. Middle part blowing on. At 12 dipple fore double reefed the top sail and took in jib and main sail. Steering NW by E. Blowing heavy. At 5 moderates. Set jib and main sail. Steering SW. Set main top of sail over a single reefed main top sail. No breeze.
48.43
61.27

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Monday September 6th 1847

Spreading on strong from NW and ruggel. Steering SW by W. At 2 blowing very heavy squalls. Took in the jib and main sail and close reefed the fore main and main top sail. Stay sail whist. Tacked and set the stay sail. At 5 moderates some. Steering SW. Middle part set the jib and main sail. At 11 wind hauled to the NW. Latter part squally.
50.07
57.40

Tuesday Sept 7th

Blowing a moderate gale from SW with squalls of hail. Standing by the wind. Under double reefed top sail, jib and main sail. Bent a new stay sail. At 4 sighted the Cape bearing SE by E distant 30 miles. At 6 took ship to the N. Took in the jib and main sail. Gave some of fore and sail. Middle part squally. At 2 set the main sail. Latter part moderates. At 8 hove ship. At 10 set whole main top sail. Jib and main sail. Making a breeze.
50.07
62.25

Wednesday Sept 8th

Small breeze from the W and squally. Ruggel weather. Standing SE. At 4 the breeze hauled to NW. Steering SW by W. At 6 hauled off SW and put all sail on the ship. At 10 steering SE by W. Blowing a moderate gale.
51.35
63.40

Thursday Sept 9th

Blowing a moderate gale from the N with smoky weather. Steering SW with all sail set. At 2 steering SE. At 4 took in the stay sail. Fly jib and mid top of sail. Ship going 10 knots. At 6 took in sail to 2 double reefed top sail. Jib set up. Showed and changed. Latter part at 6 put the fore and mid top of sail on the ship. Took in fore and mid top of sail. At 10 took in the fore top of sail and set jib and main sail. Moderate. At 11 sighted Staten Land bearing N.W. 16 miles. Took in the main top of sail and hauled off the wind.
54.40

Friday Sept 10th

Blowing strong from the NW and ruggel. Standing by the wind. Under double reefed top sail, jib and main sail. At 3 calm. At 6 wind breeze up from the NW. Set fly jib and main top of sail. Reading SW. Took in the fore and mid top of sail. At 4 wind shifted to the NW and blowing at squally. Took in fly jib top of sail and double reefed the fore and mid top of sail. At 5 double reefed the main top of sail and took in jib and main sail. Staten Land bearing NW distant about 35 miles. All covered with snow. At 6 close reefed the fore top of sail. Squalls of hail and snow. At 8 moderates. Set jib and main sail. At 11 set single reefed main top sail.
55.35
61.27