

Chas Phelps

Bound to Chile

Monday September 20th 1847

Freezing on shore from the NW with a drizzly rain and
bitter weather. Ship standing SW under single reefed top sails
at 3 double reefed the top sails and took in the fore and main
sails. At 5 close reefed the fore and main top sails. Blowing fresh
middle part squally but moderate. Latter part - light
weather. Set single reef top sails and main top gallant sail
at 11 bracing on again and drizzle. Took in the top & sail
55.32
70-

Tuesday Sept 21st

Fresh breeze from the NW and drizzle
weather. Standing by the corner SW under single reefed top sails
at 5 double reefed the top sails. At 10 the corner hauld off and
braced. At 12 took in the jib. At 1 bracing on fast and growing
rough. Began backing in sail. At 3 the ship lying too tender a close
reefed main top sail and storm sails heading SW by W. Latter the same
59.16
71.40

Wednesday Sept 22nd

Flowing a gale from the NW, ship
lying too tender a close reefed main top sail and storm sails heading
SW. Very much. Middle part blowing very heavy. At 4 wind
shifts to the S and moderates. At 6 the fore sail and fore
ship. At 8 set double reefed top sail and main sail. At 10
set single reefed top sails and jib. Moderates fast
59.25
76.50

Thursday Sept 23rd

Moderate winds from the S and good weather but a heavy
sea on. Steering NW. At 2 set whole top sails. At 4 set main top
gallant sail. Light winds. At 10 the wind shifted to the NW
in a smart squall. South reefed the top sails and wore ship to SW
Middle part fresh squalls. At 3 took in the jib and main sail
Latter part at 9 slowing heavy. Wore too. At 11 moderates fast
59.40
71.30

Friday Sept 24th

Moderate winds from the NW and
a heavy head swell on. Set double reefed top sails and jib but
make no headway on account of the sea. At 9 set the main sail
Middle part squally. At 3 took in sail and wore too heading
W. Latter part at 8 set double reefed top sails. At 9 a head
squall. Took in sail again.
59.04
73-

Saturday Sept 25th

Set the double reefed fore top sail
heading SW. Squalls of snow and hail. Wind NW and a
heavy sea on. At 5 close reefed the top sail. At 7 took in the
fore top sail and wore too. Blowing in very heavy squalls
Middle part moderate. At 3 set close reefed top sails. At
5 at double reef jib and main sail. Latter part light
winds and good weather. At 9 unbent the main sail
and began to mend it.
58.58
73.30

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Sunday Sept 26th 1847

Very light winds from the W and fine weather. A heavy
swell on from the NW mended the main sail and bent it
again. At 5 a breeze sprang up from the S. Steering W under whole
top sail and main top & sail. Middle part breezy and squally
Saw Blackfish. At 7 wore in main top & sail. At 5 double reefed the
top sails. At 8 shook a reef out. Strong breeze
57.43
75-

Monday Sept 27th

Strong breeze from the S and good
weather. Steering W by N under single reefed top sails. At 3 set the
fore and main top & sail. At 6 wore in the top. Middle part heavy
squalls with hail and snow. Double reefed the top sails. Latter
part moderated. Set single reefed top sails with top gallant sails
Wind very westward. Saw a finback. At 11 heading NW by W
55.24
78-

Tuesday Sept 28th

Light baffling wind from SW to W
with hail squalls. All sail set. Steering NW. At 5 took in the main
top & sail. At 6 single reefed the top sails. Middle part very
squally and the wind baffling from SW by NW. At 5 backed ship
to the SW. Bracing on sail. At 9 took in sail to a close reefed main
top sail and fore sail heading SW with drizzly weather
53.55
78.20

Wednesday Sept 29th

Flowing a moderate gale from the NW with drizzle weather
Ship lying too heading SW under a close reefed main top sail and fore
sails. Middle part heavy squalls. The weather clear of the fore sail
Latter part the weather the same

Thursday Sept 30th

Flowing a gale from the NW with
drizzle rainy weather. Ship lying too heading SW under a close
reefed main top sail and the fore sail. Middle part
At 3 the corner hauld off and clear up. Wore ship to NW and set
double reefed top sail and main sail. Latter part under NW and squally
54.28
79-

Friday October 1st 1847

Fresh breeze from the NW and
cloudy squally weather. Heading S under double reefed top sails
and main sail. At 6 took in the main sail and wore ship to
the SW. Middle part squally. At 9 wore ship to the S. Set
jib and main sail. Latter part moderate and cloudy
Set single reefed top sail. At 10 wore ship to the SW
53.58
79-