

Cha' Phelps

North West

Monday May 22nd 1848

Fresh breeze from the ESE and dark cloudy weather quite disagreeable. Heading S. At 1 saw a whale and lowered for him but could not get near him. At 3 lowered for another but he would not sport but 2 or 3 times so could not strike. Breezing on. At 7 took in sail. At 8 saw a whale. Middle part strong breeze and ruggid. Latter part the same with fog squalls. Saw finbacks and one whale going quick to the windward. 56.13
145.23

Tuesday May 23rd

Strong breeze from the E and ruggid fog squalls. Steering SSW under whole top sail. Saw a whale going fast to the windward. Middle part moderate wind and latter part light wind and foggy. At 8 lowered and got close on to a whale. Dirty drizzly weather. 55.31

Wednesday May 24th

Light air from the SE and a thick fog. Middle and latter part the same. We have seen 7 whales this day close to the ship but it would not do to leave the ship as we could not see a quarter of a mile.

Thursday May 25th

Calm and a very thick fog. At 8 cleared up. Saw Grampus. At 9 shut in thick again. Middle part light air from the W and thick fog. Latter part wind breeze up and hauled to the SSW. At 11 cleared up. At 12 thick fog again. 55.35
145.15

Friday May 26th

Light winds from the SSW and thick fog. A small heaving from the SSW. At 3 the fog lifted some. But dark smoky weather. At 3 saw a whale going quick to the NE. Lowered and chased without success. At 5 lowered for another. At 7 struck and killed him and at 8 took him alongside. Middle part moderate wind and foggy. Got ready for cutting. Latter part light winds from the SE and foggy. At 11 hooked on the whale and began to cut finished at 12. Fog lifting for half an hour once in two hours. (Low)

Saturday May 27th

Light winds from the ESE and fog squalls. At 2 began raining. Steered NW. Middle part drizzly and weather. Latter part light winds from ESE and dark drizzly weather. Steering NW by N. 55.45
145.50

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Sunday May 28th 1848

Light winds from the E and dark weather. Spitting rain during PM. Boiling. Saw 2 finbacks. At 8 a right whale came up alongside the ship. Thick fog. Middle part at 9 wore ship to the NE. Latter part strong breeze from the SE and foggy drizzly weather. Ruggid. Heading ENE. Boiling.

Monday May 29th

Strong breeze from the SE and ruggid dark weather. Heading ENE. Boiling. At 3 saw a whale to the leeward. Lowered for him but he got in the fog smoke and started a ship to the leeward lying too. Middle part drizzly and weather. Finback boiling at 12 and wore ship. Latter part strong breeze from the SE and ruggid. Thick drizzly weather. Blowing force.

Tuesday May 30th

Strong breeze and drizzly. At 3 cleared up and moderates. Two sail in sight. At 11 lowered for a whale without success. Middle part almost calm. Latter part light wind from the S and showery. At 11 lowered for a whale. Could not get near him. Employed in stowing down. Saw several whales going very quick. 56.13

Wednesday May 31st

Light winds from the S and quite ruggid. Heading E. Breezing down. Saw several whales going quick. Lowered for 2 of them but could not get near them. Finished stowing at 6. At 7 spoke the Montano. Hull 11 of Nantucket 33 no 170 (see) (sub). Middle part light winds from the SSW. Heading SE. Latter part light wind and fine weather. Heading S. Nothing seen. At 11 wore ship. 55.35
144.25

Thursday June 1st

Light winds from the W and fine weather. All sail set heading W. Middle part breeze up and showery. Latter part smart breeze from the SW and showery. Ruggid. At 8 lowered for a whale a fading without success. 56.14
144.10

Friday June 2nd

Smart breeze from the SW and showery. Ruggid. Heading SSE under whole top sail. At 4.2 sail in sight and some finbacks. Middle part at 1 the wind shifted to the S and comes on drizzly weather. Latter part smart breeze from the S with fog squalls and rain. Lowered twice for whale. Once stood up for him but he dropt like a stone.