

Chas Phelps

North West

Friday June 16th 1848

Blowing a gale from the NE with thick drizzly weather and very rough. Ship lying under a close reefed main top sail and lee clew of the fore sail. At 1 finished triling. At 3 moderated fast. Middle part blazing on again from the E with rain. Latter part blowing a smart gale from the E. Stowing down

Saturday June 17th

Blowing a gale from the E with drizzly rain and rugged. At 4 checked off the main hatch heading NNE under short sail. Middle part moderated fast and rainy. Latter part calm and dark cloudy weather. Broke out the after hatch and began stowing down 58.35

Sunday June 18th

Commenced calm and dark cloudy weather with a heavy swell on. Employed in stowing down. At 7 finished. Middle part calm and rainy. Latter part at 10 a light breeze sprung up from the SE. Set all sail and headed in to the E. & making sea 58.25

Monday June 19th

Light winds from the SSE and dark cloudy weather. All sail set heading to the E. Saw a humpback. At 8 single reefed the top sails. Middle part light winds and hauling southward. Latter part light winds from the S and fine weather. Set all sail and steering SE by S. Saw humpbacks and a Barge 58.10

Tuesday June 20th

Light winds from the S and beautiful weather. All sail set heading Eastward. Saw humpbacks, finbacks and a Barge. Middle part calm. At 3 lowered for a whale but did not get near him. Latter part at 8 a breeze sprung up from the E. Heading NE all sail set. Saw many humpbacks and finbacks and 4 sail 58.59

Wednesday June 21st

Light winds from the E and fine weather. All sail set heading N. Saw many finbacks and humpbacks and 4 sail, one fast but the whale took the line. At 4 lowered for 2 whales going N. At 9 saw a gam of 4. Middle part the wind breezes N. Strong from the NE by E. Set single reefed top sails and jib heading NE by N. At 11 at night. Saw several whales going quick to the windward. Very rugged 58.25

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Thursday June 22nd 1848

Strong breeze from the NE by E and squally weather. Very rugged. Single reefed weather. Carrying single reefed top sails and jib heading NE by N. Saw many finbacks. At 5 took in sail. At 7 saw 2 whales. At 8 wore ship to the SE. Middle part moderated and rainy. Latter part at 6 cleared up. Made sail heading SE by E. Saw many finbacks. Moderating 58.35

Friday June 23rd

Light winds from the NE and dark cloudy weather. All sail set heading SE by E. Saw many finbacks. Middle part calm. Latter part the same with fog squalls. A ship in sight triling. Saw 2 whales about 5 miles off. At 11 a light breeze from the E by S. Heading NE by N 58.18

Saturday June 24th

A pleasant breeze from the E by S and fine weather. All sail set heading to the NE. Saw many finbacks. Middle part moderate. Steering NNE under short sail. Latter part light winds from the ESE and fog squalls. Set all sail steering to the NNE. Saw many humpbacks 58.38

Sunday June 25th

Smart breeze from the ESE and dark cloudy weather. All sail set heading to the NE. Saw many finbacks and humpbacks. At 4 saw 3 whales, however that they were going too fast for us. Middle part blazing on land blowing rugged. Latter part strong breeze from the E and drizzly weather. A sail in sight. At 6 set single reefed top sails heading NNE. At 8 saw Key Island. N by N. 25 miles. At 10 wore ship 58.28

Monday June 26th

Blowing strong from the E and dark heavy weather and very rugged. Stand by SSE under reefed top sails. Middle part wind moderated a little and drizzly weather. Latter part smart breeze and fog squalls. At 10 moderated fast and cleared up. Set all sail heading to the ESE. Saw finbacks 58.28

Tuesday June 27th

Light winds from the NNE and good weather. A heavy swell from the N. All sail set heading E. Saw many finbacks. At 3 lowered for a Scrag but he dragged the boat. Middle part moderate and foggy. Latter part smart breeze from the E and foggy, drizzly weather. Set whole top sails heading SSE.