

Chas Phelps North West
Thursday August 3rd 1848

Strong breeze from the E with drizzly rainy weather and very rough. Going under a double reefed main top sail and fore sail heading S. At 2 struck off S.W. Moderate rain and moderate. Latter part rain until 7 when the wind shifted to the S.W. and cleared up. At 8 lowered and struck a whale, killed him and got him to the ship and began cutting 58.55

Friday August 4th Light winds from the S.W. and good weather. At 4 finished cutting. At 5 spoke the Eugene at S.W. 100 S. Saw several whales going fast. At 8 began boiling. Moderate part drizzly. Latter part smart breeze from the W and good weather. Lowered for a whale going quick to the W but could not get near them.

Saturday August 5th Smart breeze from the S.W. and good weather. Employed in boiling. Eugene and Minerva in sight. Saw a whale going very fast to the S.W. Moderate part moderate and fine weather. Latter part light air. Saw 3 sail. Sham Island and Close Island in sight. 59.18

Sunday August 6th Light winds from the N and good weather. Boiling. At 2 lowered and struck a whale. He landed and the line parted. Saw the Minerva cutting. Moderate part smart breeze. Latter part strong breeze from the N. At 6 lowered for 2 whales. Struck one and the line parted. Struck again and drew. Saw George Washington sink a whale 59.30

Monday August 7th Strong breeze from the N.W. and rough. Heading S. Saw many humpbacks. Moderate part squally. Latter part moderate breeze from the S.W. and dark cloudy weather. Strung down. Nothing seen.

Tuesday August 8th Light winds from the S.W. and dark cloudy weather. Strung down. At 3 finished. At 5 spoke the Minerva and George Washington. Moderate part wind hauled to S.E. and thick weather. Latter part strong breeze from S.E. and rainy dirty weather.

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Wednesday August 9th 1848

Strong breeze from the S.E. and drizzly dirty weather. At 5 the wind moderated. Moderate part rainy. Latter part wind shifted to N.W. and cleared up. Saw a whale going very fast to the S.W. 59.20

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Thursday August 10th Light winds from the S.W. and good weather. Saw finbacks and a sail. At 5 calpe. Moderate part light winds from the S.W. Heading to the S. Latter part light winds from the S.W. and good weather. Sent down Mizzen sail to ground. 59.08

Friday August 11th Light winds from the S.W. and dark cloudy weather. Heading to the S. At 6 saw 3 whales going quick to S.W. At 7 double reefed the top sail. At 11 wind shifted to the S.E. Latter part heavy wind from the S.E. and thick rainy weather. Set all sail heading to the S. At 6 saw a whale and lowered for him but did not get near him. Minerva in sight.

Saturday August 12th Light winds from the S.W. and foggy dirty weather. Heading to the N.W. At 6 fog lifts a little and we saw a whale. Lowered for him but soon lost him in the fog. Moderate part loose ship to the S.E. Latter part light winds and dirty rainy weather.

Sunday August 13th Light winds from the S.W. and dirty foggy weather. All sail set heading to the S.E. At 7 took Mizzen sail to double reefed top sail and jib. Moderate part the weather the same. At 5 wore ship to the N. At 6 set all sail. Strong breeze and thick foggy weather. At 9 took in fore & main top gal sail. No sail.

Monday August 14th Strong breeze from the S.W. with foggy dirty weather and rough. Heading N with fly jib and main top gallant sail set. Saw finbacks. At 8 spoke in line to a double reefed main top sail fore sail and jib. Moderate part wind S.E. and drizzly. Latter part the same. At 6 set whole top sail jib and main sail. Strung on fast. At 8 split the fore sail. Hoisted it. At 10 double reefed the top sail and took in jib and main sail. Smart gale and rough.