

Chas Phelps Massachusetts
Saturday December 23rd 1848

Lively winds from the NW & good weather. All sail set steering NW. At 2 saw San Fernando bearing N. & sailed by the wind NW. Midale part under two double reefed top sails and jib. At 3 wind hauled to SE. Steered NW. Latter part smart breeze and good weather. Two ships and a brig in sight. At 8 spoke the Whetstone 7 mi out. At 10 saw Masafuera. At 12 bore NE 10 miles

Sunday Dec 24th

Smart breeze from SE run into the land. At 2 lowered 2 boats and went in a fishing. Lying off and on the NW side of the land. Midale part strong breeze heading off E by N. Latter part strong breeze from SE & a drizzle. Set whole fore and main top sails 33.23

Monday Dec 25th

Strong breeze from SE & very rugged. Heading E by N under a whole fore and main top sail and double reefed main and jib. Saw a ship steering NW. At 7 shortened sail and squared in the yards and steered NW. Midale part strong breeze from the S and very rugged. Latter part the same. Set whole fore and main top sails. Employed in slowing down sail

Tuesday Dec 26th

Strong breeze from the S and very rugged. Steering NW under whole fore and main top sails and reefed main top sail. Slowing down. At 6 finished. Midale part running under short sail. Latter part strong breeze. Set whole top sails and main top gal sail. Course N. Nothing seen 29.30

Wednesday Dec 27th

Strong breeze from the S and very rugged. Steering NW & under whole top sails and main top gal sail. Nothing seen. Midale part running under 2 single reefed main top sail and fore sail. Slowing down. Latter part blowing a moderate gale from SE and dark cloudy weather. Set main top & gal sail. Steering NW & E. Saw a sail going NW 26.57

Thursday Dec 28th

A moderate gale from the SE with dark cloudy squally weather. Steering NW & with the main top gal sail set. Midale part moderates. Latter part light wind from SE. Untent main top sail. Bent a new one and began mending old one 25 77.10

Chas Phelps Friday Dec 29th 1848

Light winds from the SE and good weather. All sail set steering NW. Employed in mending main top sail. Saw a ship bearing NW. Midale part under easy sail. Latter part became the same. Shifted the fore sail 23.52

Saturday Dec 30th

Light air from SSE. all sail set steering NW. Main top part. Dint it down and spliced at eye in and sent it aloft. Nothing seen. Midale part the weather the same. Latter part light air from SE and dark cloudy weather. 22.58 76.15

Sunday Dec 31st

Light wind from the SE and dark cloudy weather. All sail set steering NW. Nothing seen. Midale part light wind. Heading NW & with main top & gal sail set. Latter part set all sail. Saw a finback 21.52 75.34

Monday January 1st 1849

Light wind from the SE and fine clear weather. All sail set steering NW. Saw a finback. Midale part light air. Latter part lively wind. Set all sail. Saw finbacks. Employed in washing outside of ship 20.40 74.27

Tuesday Jan 2nd

Lively wind from SSE and good weather. All sail set steering NW. Saw finbacks. Employed in washing outside of ship. Midale part calm. Blackfish. Latter part light wind from the S. Course NW & E. Painting ship. Saw finbacks 19.19 73.56

Wednesday Jan 3rd

Light wind from the S and fine weather. All sail set steering NW & E. Saw finbacks. Employed in painting ship. Set 6 course N. Midale and latter part the weather the same. Steering NW & E. Nothing seen 18.10