

Log Book of Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Billings Birch Master

days from Saturday Oct 5th
Mon.

5

Commenced with a strong breeze from N.W. steering S.E. by compass with 7° westerly variation at 8 P.M. wind calmed to S.W. wind moderating. Set all sail crew employed for ship's duty two men sick with the feverish Portuguese.

Lat. by Obs. 47° 58' N.
Long. by Chron. 57° 22' W.

Sunday Oct 6th

6

Commenced with a good breeze from N.W. steering S.E. by compass, at 5 P.M. wind hauled round S.W. crew employed at fitting boats at 2 A.M. wind hauled S.E. and has continued E. & S.E. all through these 24 hours at 9 A.M. calmed, lowered the boats to practice boats crews.

Monday Oct 7th

7

Commenced with light rainy weather from S.E. nothing done to day it being Sunday or has any thing worthy of men to passing notice. Transferred the wind continues strong all through these 24 hours with the wind from the S.E. heading S.E.

Tuesday Oct 8th

8

Commenced with a strong breeze and steady rain from S.E. heading S.E. at 4 P.M. commenced blowing at 5 under close reef main topsail & fore topmast stay sail, wore ship. At 6 P.M. heading up S.W. blowing hard at this time at 9 wind shifted to N.W. and commenced raining & lightning very fast at 10 P.M. died away calm which caused the ship to roll nearly & make very bad weather at 10 1/2 P.M. rolled away bow boat from weather side. At 5 1/2 A.M. a good breeze sprang up from N.W. ship made better weather to weather of this at 5 A.M. made sail & kept off S.E.

Lat. by Obs. 47° 07' N.
Long. by Chron. 57° 58' W.

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Wednesday Oct 9th

days from
Thurs

9

Commenced with a strong breeze from N.W. steering S.E. crew employed at fitting cutting pendants last 12 hours calm.

Lat. by Obs. 47° 06' N.
Long. by Chron. 57° 57' W.

Thursday Oct 10th

10

Commenced with a calm sent men to the mast head to look out for whales crew employed at fitting cutting gear, continued calm until 4 A.M. at 4 A.M. took a breeze from N.E. at 10 1/4 A.M. took in main topgallant sail at noon under double reef topsail. main sail & gillie furlled.

Friday Oct 11th

11

Commenced with a strong breeze from S.E. heading S.E. at 5 P.M. under close reef main topsail & fore topmast stay sail, blowing a moderate gale ship lying too at night wind calmed to S.W. at 8 A.M. stored off S.E. under close reef main topsail & fore sail at 11 A.M. turned one reef out of main topsail.

Saturday Oct 12th

12

Commenced with a strong Gale from N.W. steering S.E. by compass with one point variation westerly at 2 P.M. set double reef topsail. wind continued strong all through these 24 hours.

Lat. by Obs. 47° 55' N.
Long. by Chron. 45° 40' W.

Sunday Oct 13th

13

Commenced with a strong breeze from S.W. steering S.E. by compass under double reef topsail. P.M. weather more moderate breeze continued fair. N.W. steering S.E. under all sail.

Monday Oct 14th

14

Commenced with a moderate breeze from N.W. steering S.E. last 8 hours calm. employed at fitting cutting gear men at the mast head.

Lat. by Obs. 58° 08' N.
Long. by Act. 42° 00' W.