

Log Book of Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Billings Birch Master

15 Tuesday Oct 15th Commences with a calm employed at fitting cutting gear, first & middle part of these 24 hours calm, last part a light breeze from S.E. heading E. course S.E.
Lat. 44. 55. 55
Long. 74. 45. 55

16 Wednesday Oct 16th Commences with a light air from S.E. course S.E. employed at fitting cutting gear, 4 men sick with the venereal disease these 24 hours end with a strong breeze from S.E. heading up E.C.
Lat. 44. 57. 45

17 Thursday Oct 17th Commences with a strong breeze from S.E. heading up E.C. finished fitting cutting gear to day crew employed at making scabed brooms, wind continued strong all these 24 heading up S.E. E.C. & S.E.
Lat. 44. 56. 55
Long. 74. 45. 55

18 Friday Oct 18th Commences with strong breezes from S.E. heading up S.E. at 9 P.M. commenced raining and has continued to all these 24 hours with the wind from S.

19 Saturday Oct 19th Commences with heavy and rainy weather under double reef topsails with wind from S. heading E. & E.S. crew employed at stowing away spars, winds continues variable all these 24 hours with considerable rain,
Lat. 44. 56. 55
Long. 74. 45. 55

20 Sunday Oct 20th Commences with a pleasant breeze from W.S.W. steering S.E. at 2 P.M. passed a Brig steering S.E. & E. last 15 hours of this day the wind has been from the S. course S.E.
Lat. 44. 54. 55
Long. 74. 45. 55

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Monday Oct 21st Commences with a pleasant breeze from S.E. heading up S.W. with S.W. variation making S.E. W. course, we find we have brought on man from home who is nearly blind at 8 P.M. wind from S.E. continues so until 1 A.M. from 1 to 6 A.M. heavy rain some thunder & much lightning at 5 took a heavy squall from S. & continued strong from S. & S.E. until noon
Lat. 44. 55. 55

22 Tuesday Oct 22nd Commences with a strong breeze from S.E. heading up S.W. under single reef topsail heavy rain & variable winds with much thunder & lightning & heavy squally some part of the time calm

23 Wednesday Oct 23rd Commences with a strong breeze from S.E. heading up E. accompanied with heavy rain & much thunder & lightning at noon we ship heading up S.W. under double reef topsails wind continues from S.E. & S.E. all these 24 hours with heavy rains & thunder & lightning, this morning set whole main topsail & main topgallant sail heading up from S.W. to S.E. 2 points westerly variation

24 Thursday Oct 24th Commences with a strong breeze from S.E. with heavy rain squalls, heading up S.E. W. with main topgallant sail set, continual rain all these 24 with the wind from the S.E. & S.E. S.E.

25 Friday Oct 25th Commences with rain from S.E. heading up S.E. W. with one point & 1/2 westerly variation, first & middle part of these 24 hours pleasant, last part squally with much rain. wind continues from S.E. heading up S.E. W.
Lat. 44. 58. 55
Long. 74. 45. 55