

Log Book of Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Billings Rutch Master

day from Thursday Nov 28th
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Commenced with very strong breeze from N.W. together with much rain. Steering S.S.W. at 5 P.M. took in fore & main top gallant sail & fore main sail, at 8 wind moderate hauled round to W. with heavy rain, from 7 P.M. to 4 A.M. calm, with a heavy swell from N.W. at A.M. took a light breeze from S. heading E.S.E. Lat. by Obs. 25.15

Friday Nov 29th

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Commenced with a moderate breeze from S.E. heading S.W. heavy rain, with rain, wind continued moderate from S.E. all these 24 hours, steering S.W. by S. with 5 to 6 variation, hove new main top & main top gallant braces to day. Lat. by Obs. 26.25 Long. by Chron. 77.55

Saturday Nov 30th

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Commenced with a moderate breeze & pleasant weather from S.E. steering S.W. by S. & ends with about the same kind of weather, crew employed at ship duty, Carpenter employed at building Caboo's house on the quarter deck, Lat. by Obs. 26.50

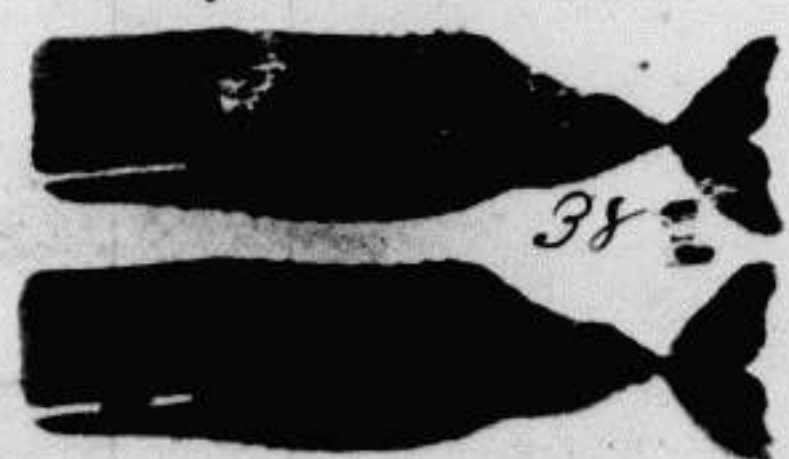
Sunday Dec 1st

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This month comes in with pleasant weather & moderate breezes from S.E. steering S.W. by S. at 11 P.M. took a Lunar Obs. & found it to agree within 4 1/2 miles of the chronometer, at 10 A.M. saw sperm whales, lowered & struck two whales & saved them, Lat. by Ast. 25.47 Long. by Chron. 76.46

Monday Dec 2nd

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Commenced with moderate breeze from S.E. & pleasant weather lying by with two small sperm whales before sight, at 1/2 past two P.M. commenced cutting, finished at 5 P.M. cleared up & hauled up on the wind heading S.E. at 8 P.M. wore ship heading to the north with the main top sail aback, at daylight hauled forward heading to the N.E. at A.M. wore ship & altered off S.W. by

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A.M. cleared away the heads & cleared up decks at 10 A.M. started the try work & commenced boiling heads, Lat. by Obs. 25.11

Tuesday Dec 3rd

Commenced with moderate breezes from N. steering S.S.W. with crew employed at boiling, at 2 P.M. commenced clouding up, at 4 P.M. commenced thundering & sprinkling, at 1/2 past 5 commenced raining (hard), at 8 P.M. cooled down the works, at 10 P.M. better weather, at 4 1/2 A.M. started the works again A.M. wind hauled round to S.W. Lat. by Obs. 26.27 Long. by Chron. 77.55

Wednesday Dec 4th

Commenced with moderate breezes from S.S.W. heading S.E. crew employed at boiling, at 2 A.M. finished boiling at A.M. pleasant weather with a heavy swell setting in from S.W. Lat. by Obs. 26.50

Thursday Dec 5th

Commenced with moderate breezes & pleasant weather from S.E. at 2 P.M. wind hauled to E. crew employed at ship duty, all A.M. wind continued from E. & S.E. with heavy looking weather, some rain & fog.

Friday Dec 6th

Commenced with a moderate breeze from N.E. steering S.S.W. with some rain & fog, crew employed at ship duty, Carpenter employed at building a Caboo's house on the starboard side of the quarter deck, cooper employed at making buckets & breakers, at 10 P.M. wind hauled round to S.W. A.M. all hands employed to stow down our oil, put it in 15 ground tier cask. to day two the old Caboo's house to pieces, then 24 hours ends with moderate breezes from S.W. heading S.E. & S.E. A.M. strong breeze Lat. by Obs. 27.47 Long. by Chron. 78.55