

Log Book of Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Billings Burtch Master

day from here Saturday Dec 7th

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Commenced with moderate breezes from S.W. heading S.S.E. & S.E. crew employed at ship's duty, one ship in sight steering to the E. these 24 hours ends with light breezes from S. heading W. S.W. at 5 p.m. saw a school of grampases, took them to be whales & lowered & gave chase, Lat. 41° 30' N. Long. 70° 20' W.

Sunday Dec 8th

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Commenced with light breezes & pleasant weather from S. heading E. on our tack & W.S.W. on the other, crew employed at ship's duty, Carpenter employed at building a potato pen on the harbour side of the quarter deck at noon lowered the Bow Boat & carried a larger head turtle, these 24 hours ends with pleasant breezes from N.E. steering S.W. by S.

Lat. by Obs. 31° 14'
Long. by Chron. 68° 57'

Monday Dec 9th

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Commenced with pleasant breezes from N.E. steering S.W. by S. at 1 P.M. took an Lunar Observation & found it agree with the chronometer nearly. at sunset a strong breeze from N.E. at 2 A.M. wind shifted to W.S.W. blowing strong with plenty of rain double reefed the topsails & took gills & mainsail, at 5 A.M. all set again, wind increasing all

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Tuesday Dec 10th

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Commenced with strong breezes from W.S.W. heading S. & S.W. by W. at 1 P.M. took in main & top gallant sail, at 2 P.M. took in double reefed the topsails, at 9 P.M. took on gills, at 1 A.M. took in main sail, at 7 A.M. more moderate, set gills & main sail, heading S. by W.

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Wednesday Dec 11th

Commenced with a strong breeze from S.W. heading S. S.W. at one set whole topsails, at sunset left wind, but a heavy swell, wind continues strong all P.M. at 4 p.m. double reefed the topsails, at 2 P.M. set whole topsails again, crew employed at ship's duty, Lat. by Obs. 31° 22' N. Long. by Chron. 69° 20' W.

Thursday Dec 12th

Commenced with strong breezes from W. S.W. steering S.W. at 2 P.M. set whole topsails, at sunset left wind, carried whole topsails, all these 24 hours with a strong breeze from W. S.W. saw a ship this morning, steering to the N.E.

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Long. by Chron. 69° 20' W.

Friday Dec 13th

Commenced with strong breezes from W. S.W. steering S.W. under whole topsails, breeze continues strong, at P.M. at 10 P.M. wind shifted to S.W. at 10 P.M. double reefed the topsails, at 5 A.M. set whole topsails again, at 9 A.M. tacked ship heading W. by N. at noon weather moderating

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Saturday Dec 14th

Commenced with a strong breeze from S.W. heading W. S.W. under whole topsails, at 8 P.M. tacked ship heading S. by E. to quit moderate at this time, wind continues about the same all P.M. A.M. commenced with a strong breeze from W. heading S. S.W. & continues so all through

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Sunday Dec 15th

76 A.M. Carpenter worked into the cabin, & occupies the place the cooper left.

Commenced with a strong breeze from W. heading S. S.W. all sail out, course W. by S. at 2 P.M. turned the cooper in the fore-castle, he had been lying in the cabin, these 24 hours ends with a strong breeze from W. heading W. S.W.

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Long. by Chron. 69° 20' W.