

Log Book of Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Billings Purser Master

days from Monday Dec 16th

77

Commences with a strong breeze from S.W. heading W.S.W. at 8 P.M. took in top gallant sail. at 9 P.M. took in top gallant sail & flying gills, at 10 P.M. reefed main topsail, at 11 P.M. reefed fore & main topsails, wind continues strong all P.M. A.M. set top gallant sails over single reefed topsails.

Latt. by obs. 41.58
Long by chron. 73.16

Tuesday Dec 17th

78

Commences with a strong breeze from W.S.W. heading S.W. by W. between noon & 5 P.M. made all sail, at 6 P.M. heading W. by S. course W. by S. & continuing S. all P.M. at 8 A.M. strong breeze, double reefed fore & main topsails, at 10 A.M. double reefed main topsail, at 1/2 past 11 A.M. took in fore & main topsails & fore sail, took in main sail & gills at 10. a blowing hard from S.W.

Wednesday Dec 18th

79

Commences with a gale from S.W. heading W.S.W. under a double reef main topsail & main spencer at one moderate, set fore & main topsails, & fore sail at 2 P.M. set main sail & gills, bent a new gill, at 4 P.M. shook on sea from main topsail & set main top gallant sail over it between 5 & 6 P.M. wind shifted to S.W. at 9 P.M. took in main top gallant sail & wore ship heading W. by S. course W. by S. at 10 P.M. moderate, all A.M. calm. crew employed at mending gills & flying gills.

Latt. by obs. 43.10
Long by chron. 73.57

Thursday Dec 19th

80

Commences with a light breeze from S.W. steering W.S.W. with 15 degrees easterly variation at 8 P.M. strong breeze from S.W. saw a brig steering about S.W. by W.

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at 9 P.M. took in top gallant sail, at 11 P.M. took in main sail & gills, at 10 P.M. double reefed top sails, at 4 1/2 A.M. took in fore & main topsails, at 7 1/2 A.M. took in fore topsail, blowing hard at this time & steering S.W. by W.

Latt. by obs. 44.16
Long by chron. 75.35

Friday Dec 20th

Commences with a gale from W. at 1/2 past 12 P.M. gale broke, at one P.M. set fore & main topsails, at 1/2 past 1 P.M. set main sail & gills, at 2 P.M. set single reef topsails, at 3 P.M. set top gallant sails over them, at sunset moderate with heavy sea running, wind from W. continues so all P.M. all A.M. wind from S.W. steering W. by S. with a strong breeze. Some rain & fog.

Latt. by obs. 46.00
Long by chron. 75.30

Saturday Dec 21st

Commence with rain & a strong breeze from S.W. heading W.S.W. at 1 P.M. hauled round to W. heading S.S.W. at 1 P.M. took in top gallant sails, & flying gills, at 3 P.M. moderate, set top gallant sails again, at 7 P.M. wind backed to S.W. again, steering W. by S. with a strong breeze, at 9 P.M. commenced blowing heavy, at 11 P.M. wind shifted to W.S.W. at 12. under close reef main top sail & fore topmast staysail continues blowing all A.M.

Sick my self.

Latt. by obs. 45.57
Long by chron. 75.38

Sunday Dec 22nd

A.M. put out a new gill boom

Latt. 45.55
Long 75.38

Commences with a strong gale from W.S.W. heading S. under close reef main topsail, at 2 P.M. took in bow boat at that time under a coman large sea came rolling down across our bow & carried away our gill boom, weather continuing squally all through