

Log Book of Ship Chas. Phelps of Stonington Billings Burtth. Master

days from

Home Friday May 9th

221

two vessels in sight

Commences + ends with a strong breeze from S.W. heading S.E. & S. See No. Whales

Lat. by Obs. 52. 00
Long. by Chron. 168. 47Saturday May 10th

222

Plenty of snow, all this 24 hours

Commences + ends with moderate breeze from S.W. heading S.E. & S.

Lat. by Obs. 52. 20
Long. by Chron. 169. 17Sunday May 11th

223

Plenty of snow
two ships in sight

Commences with a moderate breeze from S.W. heading S.E. & S. at 5 P.M. calm, at 8 took a light breeze from S.E. heading S.W. for part of A.M. wind shifted to S.W. again + continues so, all A.M. pleasant

Lat. by Obs. 51. 45
Long. by Chron. 169. 57Monday May 12th

224



Commences + ends with light pleasant weather from S.W. Saw one right whale

Lat. by Obs. 52. 20
Long. by Chron. 170. 05Tuesday May 13th

225

two ships in sight
Spoke bark A. Dyer

Commences with light breezes from S.W. Saw two right whales lowered + gave chase, A.M. saw right whales + gave chase,

Lat. by Obs. 52. 50
Long. by Chron. 169. 50Wednesday May 14th

226

3 ships in sight

Commences + ends with strong breezes from S.E. heading S.W. at the last part of P.M. and for part of A.M. under double reef top sails at 4 A.M. saw Copper Island bearing S.W. at 9 saw Bearings Ist bearing S.W.Saw ship S. by S. of at 4 A.M. saw Copper Island bearing S.W. at 9 saw Bearings Ist bearing S.W.Appearance of S.E. part of Copper Ist bearing S.W. by compass, dist 16 milesLat. by Obs. 54. 53
Long. by Chron. 168. 50Thursday May 15th

227

3 ships in sight

Saw several Kelp whales

Commences + ends with the wind from S.W. heading S.E. & S. at the Northward, beating up the S.W. shore of Bearings Ist, A.M. chased whales,S.E. end of Bearings Ist bearing S.W. by compass, dist 10 miles

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Home Friday May 16th

228

Commences with a pleasant breeze, the Northward, beating up the S.W. side of Bearings Ist at 2 P.M. wind hauled to S.W. heading S.W.Appearance of the S.W. side of Bearings Ist, when the S.W. point bears S.W. by compass, dist 18 miles

Wind continues from S.W. + S. all these 24 hours for part of A.M. Sun not past the land, since that time been Steady S.

Thick cloudy weather

Saturday May 17th

229

Bowheads
one sail in sight

Commences + ends with moderate breeze from S.W. heading S.E. & S. at 9 A.M. saw one Bowhead whale + lowered for him,

Lat. by Obs. 52. 00
Long. by Chron. 168. 00

Thick cloudy weather

Sunday May 18th

230

Bowheads



Thick cloudy weather

Commences with a moderate breeze from S.E. at noon saw 3 Bowhead whales + lowered, but did not get fast at 3 o'clock lowered for the same whales again, at 4, struck one of them, sailed but the cross drawn in less than five minutes, all A.M. thick fog, all P.M. thick snow storm.

Monday May 19th

231

took a Bowhead

Saw ice or land bearing S.W.



Saw a Bark

Thick cloudy weather

Commences with thick fog at five P.M. let up, saw one Bowhead, at the same time saw the ice, or land cannot decide, which, for we have not taken an observation for 4 days, we lowered + struck + killed the whale + took him alongside at 7 1/2 o'clock we are now standing off shore under all sail, at 3 A.M. called all hands, + commenced cutting, blowing strong at this time, saved what we could lost head, throat + all abaft the mizzen, snow + rain all A.M. wind from Eastward,

Tuesday May 20th

232

Saw a ship Boiling

Thick fog + snow

Commences with a moderate gale + thick snow storm from S.E. heading S.W. by S. under double reef main top sail + foresail, last part of A.M. the moderate the snow storm continues all through this 24 hours, at noon started the by work, at 3 P.M.