

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

day from
homeWednesday May 21st

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Saw a ship boiling



thick weather

Commenced with rugged
a thick snow storm from
heading S.E. by S crew
boiling at 3 P.M. saw
boiling at 3 P.M. was
ch. at 5 set double reef
fog + snow continues all these
crew employed at boiling

Weather +

Set to

blowing at

a ship

Ship heading

top sails

4 hours

Thursday May 22nd

thick weather

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Commenced with a moderate breeze +
fog from S.E. heading ch. w. under
double reef topsails crew employed
at boiling at 4 P.M. bit
Breakhead Whales + lower
without success at 8 P.M. saw the
land bearing ch. at 8 P.M. was
Ship heading W.S.W. fore part
ished boiling at 7 A.M. saw a whale
per of whales, lowered +
killed him + took him at side in a
thick fog

Friday May 23rdShip to sea in sight
Breakhead

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Commenced with thick fog + snow
with the wind from E. crew employed
cutting, finished cutting at 8 P.M. saw
- wind strong at this time
lower too under double reef main top
sails + foresail, A.M. employed at
stowing down oil. Remained thick all
these 24 hours

Saturday May 24thStowed down 21 casks
of oil

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Commenced with snow + fog crew em-
ployed at stowing down oil + cleaning
Boys finished stowing down at 7 P.M.
Saw plenty of Breakheads, plenty of
snow + fog last part of A.M. clear

Lat. by Obs. 58. 45
Long. by Obs. 165. 33

Sunday May 25th

Saw one ship

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Saw the land
Saw one ship boiling

Commenced with pleasant weather from
S.W. heading W.S.W. from
- to 9 P.M. saw great quantities of
Breakheads, lowered + shot
but drewed from side at 8 A.M. lowered
+ caught one, took him at side +
commenced cutting. Saw land bearing
W. distant 30 miles

Lat. by Obs. 58. 31

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day from
homeMonday May 26thSaw plenty of whales
Saw one ship boiling

Commenced with pleasant weather from
S.W. employed at cutting at 2 P.M. sent
off two boats a whale finished cutting
at 4 P.M. at 6 P.M. started the work
the weather continues pleasant all these
24 hours, A.M. Saw no whales, saw
the land distant 20 miles

Tuesday May 27th

Commenced with moderate breezes
from S.E. by S. with the major
topsails abaft jib. a thick fog crew
employed at boiling + cleaning
all A.M. clear + pleasant then no whales
Saw the land bearing W.S.W.

Lat. by Obs. 58. 33
Long. by Obs. 165. 58

Wednesday May 28th

Spoke ship drums

Stowed down 16 casks oil

A.M. calm

Commenced with pleasant weather
from W. heading ch. crew employed at
boiling 2 P.M. saw one whale going
quick to ch. 8 P.M. spoke ship drums
of 3 whales A.M. saw no whales saw
1 ship boiling
A.M. stowed down

Lat. by Obs. 59. 03
Long. by Obs. 165. 58

Thursday May 29th

Commenced with pleasant weather from
crew employed at boiling saw no
whales saw ship Montreal 12 whales
A.M. rugged saw no whales close in to the
land.

Lat. by Obs. 58. 31
Long. by Obs. 165. 58

Friday May 30th

Montreal in sight Boiling

Commenced with a strong breeze from S.W.
heading S.E. by S. 2 P.M. saw one whale
going quick to ch. W. at 7 P.M. blowing strong
took in main topsail + gills at 8 P.M.
finished boiling blowing a gale all A.M.
at 11 A.M. spoke ship Montreal of 12

Lat. by Obs. 57. 30

Saturday May 31st

Stowed down 22 casks oil

Commenced with a moderate gale from S.W.
- heading ch. W. 2 P.M. employed at boiling
a bone upon under double reef main top
sail + foresail A.M. moderated employed at
stowing down oil, thick rainy morning
- then