

Log Book of Ship Cha^s Phelps of Stonington Billings Burtch-Master

Left from

Home Thursday Jan 26th

269

Saw 22 Ships.

Commenced with moderate breeze
+ thick fog from S.W. at 8 P.M.
Wind shifted to N.W. + the fog
cleared. S.W. Saw 22 Ships. great
quantities of ice + no whales. A.M. saw
the land. Saw plenty of ice on the shore
extending 15 miles from it. Saw one
whale. + 35 ships.

Lat. by obs. 64.57
Long. by obs. 174.56 W.

Friday Jan 27th

270

Saw 35 Ships + not one
of them Boiling

Commenced with pleasant weather
Saw the land Dist. 15 miles. Saw one
whale + 35 Ships. last part of P.M. + fore
part. A.M. Steered S.W. last part A.M. thick
fog + calm.

Saturday Jan 28th

271

Saw 16 Ships

Commenced with a calm weather clear. 5
P.M. took a light breeze from S. Steering
W. by N. Saw 16 Ships. Saw one of the
number Boiling. Saw the land Dist. 30
miles bearing N. Seen no whales. A.M.
calm + fog. Saw two whales going quick.

Sunday Jan 29th

272

Saw 4 Ships

Commenced calm + foggy. Saw
large body of heavy ice. Saw two
whales going quick. At 6 P.M. took
a light breeze from S. fog let up
Saw 4 Ships. A.M. foggy. Let up at
noon.

Lat. by obs. 64.55
Long. by obs. 174.55 W.

Monday Jan 30th

273

Spoke Bark Canton. Sailed
no oil

Commenced with a moderate breeze from
E. Steering along the edge of the ice. Saw
no whales. Saw two Ships Boiling at 7
P.M. lowered two Boats + went inshore
in search of whales. Landed on the beach
but saw no whales. A.M. fog at noon let
up. Saw no whales.

Lat. by obs. 64.58
Long. by obs. 174.58 W.

Tuesday July 1st

274

Spoke Ship Columbia
Secretary
+ Hoanok with one
whale a fine
Golf Group no oil

Commenced with a strong breeze from E.
heading to S.W. Saw one Bark cutting. Seen
no whales at 5 P.M. Saw the ice on all sides
could go no farther. Backed Ship. 4 vessels
in company. Seen no whales to day. A.M. foggy
the most of the time. Seen no whales.

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Wednesday July 2nd

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Commenced with a strong breeze from
S.E. with thick weather lying off on
the ice. A.M. fog + calm.

Thursday July 3rd

276

Saw two Barks Boiling



Commenced with fog from the S. at
3 P.M. let up a few moments. Saw
a dead whale. Took him alongside
+ cut him finished cutting at 9 P.M.
Saw two Barks Boiling. Saw the land
+ ice. Seen no whales. Seen great quantity
of Humpbacks. 4 P.M. wind shifted to
N.W. at 11 P.M. commenced Boiling.
last part of A.M. rain wind from N.W.
Steering W.S.W. along the edge of the ice.

Lat. by obs. 64.57
Long. by obs. 177.56 W.

Friday July 4th

277

Saw two Ships

Saw seven Ships

Commenced with moderate breezes
+ rain from N.W. Steering about S.W.
along the edge of the ice. Saw a Ship
cutting. crew employed at Boiling.
Saw no whales. but a great number
of Humpbacks. the last part of A.M. the
weather cleared up. Seen no whales at 11
A.M. finished Boiling took the Boats
+ went in the ice in search of whales.
Saw several but could not get to them.

Saturday July 5th

278

Spoke Ship Hancock
no oilSpoke Ship Roman
no oil

Commenced with pleasant weather
from the N. 3 Boats crews in the ice
looking for whales. Saw several could
get to them. A.M. saw no whales. crew
employed at clearing. Bone.

Lat. by obs. 64.50
Long. by obs. 177.00 W.

Sunday July 6th

279

Commenced with a moderate breeze
from E. heading to the N. Seen no
whales. but plenty of Humpbacks
lowered + tried to catch one. Saw
the land. A.M. pleasant. Saw no whales.
Lat. by obs. 64.50

Monday July 7th

280

7 Ships in sight
Spoke Ship Alert
4 whales
Stowed down 16 casks
of oil.

Commenced with pleasant weather
crew employed at Boiling. Seen no
whales. Saw the ice + land. A.M. Steered close
into the land. Saw no whales but plenty of
ice.