

Log Book of Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington to Billings Burtch Master

306. Saturday August 2. Commences with strong breeze from N. N. E. heading E. by N. with fog and rain 6 P.M. from ship heading N. W. the remainder of the 24 hours alternately thick and thin with continual rain. Wind continues about the same.

Saw No Whales

307. Sunday August 3. Commences with moderate breeze from N. E. heading N. N. W. with moderate but continual rain with some fog 4 A.M. saw the land bearing S. by W. at 9 A.M. within 2 miles of the beach Tacked ship heading N. E. with rain

308 Monday August 4. Commences with moderate breeze from W. N. W. heading N. S. P. M. wind from N. heading E. N. E. 4 P.M. saw a bow head lowered to give chase but have not seen him since 6 P.M. wind from S. E. heading to the north with thick fog, all A.M. fog, seen ice to the S.

Tuesday August 5th

309

Saw one ship
Saw plenty of whales

Spoke ship Bengal
2 whales

Commences with fog, at 8 P.M. let up a few minutes saw one bowhead, lowered & chased him in the ice, winds from S. & S. E. & E. A.M. pleasant weather with the wind from W. saw a great quantity of whales but could not catch them. Saw plenty of ice.

Salt, by lbs 63.40
Long, by cwt 177.55 E

Wednesday August 6th

310

Saw plenty of ice
Saw plenty of whales



Commences with pleasant weather from W. Saw plenty of whales. They are very shy, employed till 9 P.M. in chasing without success. A.M. saw plenty of whales, lowered & took one & commenced cutting.

Thursday August 7th

311

Saw plenty of whales



Saw two ships

Commences with pleasant weather & calm, employed at cutting with two boats off whaling at 7 P.M. started the big works, last part of P.M. & all A.M. fog & rain, at noon cleared up, wind shifted to W.

Salt, by lbs 63.55
Long, by cwt 179.20 E

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Friday August 8th
Saw plenty of whales
Two ships in sight
Saw them take whales



Commences with pleasant weather from W. S. crew employed at boiling & whaling. Saw plenty of whales, but cannot catch them. Saw plenty of ice. The land is sighted last part of A.M. strong breeze from S. W. under double reef top - sails, employed at boiling. Saw plenty of whales.

Salt, by lbs 63.35
Long, 179.45

Saturday August 9th



Commences with a strong breeze from S. W. under double reef topsails, employed at boiling. Saw plenty of whales, at 1 P.M. took one & cut him in, A.M. saw no whales, weather pleasant.

Salt, by lbs 63.41
Long, the same

Sunday August 10th

Saw no whales

Commences with pleasant weather from S. crew employed at boiling. Saw no whales. A.M. employed at stowing down oil in the main hatch, saw no whales, weather calm.

Salt, by lbs 63.48
Long 180.00

Monday August 11th

Stowed down 22 casks oil
Saw 2 ships in sight

Commences with pleasant weather from S. E. crew employed at boiling & stowing down oil, saw no whales, the land & ice is in sight. A.M. finished boiling & commenced stowing down in the main hatch, A.M. fog.

Tuesday August 12th

Stowed down 19 casks oil

Drilled the main hatch

Commences with moderate breezes & fog from S. E. crew employed at stowing down oil, this afternoon checked off the main hatch, A.M. continues fog with rain wind from S. employed at stowing down oil in the fore hatch, saw no whales.

Wednesday August 13th

Stowed down 11 casks of oil

Commences with fog & rain from the S. employed at stowing down oil, the weather continues foggy all A.M. with a strong breeze from S. E.

Thursday August 14th

Commences with a strong breeze from S. E. beating to windward, at 3 P.M. double reefed the topsails. Saw the ice bearing S. W. saw no whales, A.M. moderated made all sail fog all A.M. saw no whales.