

Log Book of Ship Chas Phelps of Stonington Billings Burtch Master

Day from
Home Wednesday May 12th

587 Stowed down 22 casks
of oil,

Commenced with a thick fog & moderate breeze
from S. 3 Boats off fast to a whale, that died
on the bottom, raised him & took him alongside
at one P.M. at 2 P.M. commenced stowing down
again, at 7 A.M. commenced cutting, finished at
11 A.M. some snow

Thursday May 13th

588 Stowed down 11 casks
of oil,



Commenced with fog from W.S.W. at one P.M.
commenced stowing down oil at 7 P.M.
commenced Boiling, A.M. clear, saw several
whales, killed one & took him alongside 11 A.M.
in a thick fog.

Friday May 14th

589 246 casks of oil in the
lower hold

Commenced with a moderate breeze & thick fog
from S. at one P.M. commenced cutting, finished
at 5 P.M. & commenced Boiling, A.M. a thick snow
storm from S. crew employed at Boiling.

Saturday May 15th

590 Stowed down 19 casks
of oil,

Commenced with a thick snow storm & moderate
breeze from S. crew employed at Boiling, A.M. Stowed
down some oil, at 10 A.M. the fog cleared off
Lat. 44° 00' N. Long. 74° 30' W.

Sunday May 16th

591



Commenced with pleasant weather from S.W.
crew employed at Boiling, at one P.M. saw
one whale, lowered & caught him the last of
P.M. a snow storm, at 8 A.M. commenced cutting
our whale, finished at 11, a snow storm from
S.W. & all A.M.

Monday May 17th

592

Commenced with a strong breeze & snow storm
from S.W. crew employed at Boiling, A.M.
fog & snow, employed at stowing down oil, seen
whales Lat. 44° 00' N. Long. 74° 30' W.

Tuesday May 18th

593 Stowed down 22 casks
of oil,
Breezing weather

Commenced with moderate but heavy weather
from S.W. & heading E. crew employed at
Boiling & stowing down oil, A.M. clear
Lat. 44° 00' N. Long. 74° 30' W.

Wednesday May 19th

594 Saw one ship

Commenced with moderate breeze from S.W.
crew employed at Boiling, & whaling, seen
several whales going quick, at A.M. quiet
saw one whale, & lowered, saw one ship at
Boiling.

Thursday May 20th

595



Commenced with a strong breeze from S.W.
at 6 P.M. saw a large body of whales lowered
& caught one, took him alongside at 9 P.M.
at 7 A.M. commenced cutting at 9 sent two
boats off a whaling, saw several whales, caught
one

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Friday May 21



Commenced with light airs from various
quarters, two boats off fast to a whale,
at 2 P.M. took him alongside & cut him in
A.M. employed at Boiling & stowing down oil,
Lat. 44° 00' N. Long. 74° 30' W.

Saturday May 22nd

596 Stowed down 24 casks
of oil
Saw 4 ships, spoke
Ship Jefferson, 4 whales

Commenced with pleasant weather, crew em-
ployed at Boiling & stowing down oil,
seen several whales, lowered, struck one &
dressed, A.M. pleasant, saw several whales

Sunday May 23rd

598 Stowed down 37 casks
of oil

Commenced with pleasant weather
from S.W. & crew employed at Boiling,
whaling & stowing down oil, A.M. mod-
erate gales from S.W. crew employed at
Boiling

Monday May 24th

599 Stowed down 10 casks
of oil

Commenced with moderate gales from
S.W. crew employed at Boiling, A.M.
quite moderate, seen no whales
Lat. 44° 00' N. Long. 74° 30' W.

Tuesday May 25th

600 Spoke Ship Arctic, 2
Stowed down 14 casks
of oil

Commenced with moderate breeze from S.W.
crew employed at Boiling & cleaning
Bons, at 8 P.M. finished Boiling, seen
no whales, A.M. moderate gales from S.W.
employed at stowing down oil,

Wednesday May 26th

601 Saw several whales

Commenced with moderate gales from S.W.
crew employed at stowing down oil,
at 6 P.M. a snow storm, A.M. snow storm,
crew employed at cleaning Bows & stowing
down oil

Thursday May 27th

602 Stowed down 4 casks
of oil

Commenced with moderate gales from S.W.
crew employed at cleaning Bows & stowing
down oil & casks, plenty of snow & fog,
A.M. the weather continues about the same

Friday May 28th

Commenced with a brisk gale & heavy sea from
S.W. with fog & snow, A.M. the wind moderated,
but still continues to snow

Saturday May 29th

Commenced with a moderate breeze, heavy sea
& thick snow storm from S.W. at one P.M. set
double reef topsails, A.M. quiet clear, saw
four ships, but no whales