

Log Book of Ship Master Phelps of Stonington, Billingsworth Master

No. Variation Course by compass Wind			Remarks
2	S. E.	E. S. E.	Remarks on Thursday July 13 th 1853
4			This day comes in with a strong gale
6			from E. S. E. Ship heading S. E. under
8			a double reef main & close reef fore top
10	S. E.	E. S. E.	sail. At 2 P.M. fore top sail set
12			blowing strong, reefed the courses to
2	E. S. E.	N. E.	make them ready in case of emergency
4			At 4 P.M. hauled, got 50 fathoms
6			fine yellow sand with black specks
8	E.	N. E.	At 4 M. wind bearing from N. N. E.
10			to E. S. E. At 7 P.M. hauled &
12	E.	N. E.	got 40 fathoms, set a reefed fore sail.
2	E.	N. E.	Remarks on Friday July 14 th 1853
4	E. S. E.	N. E.	This day comes in with a moderate gale
6			& sail from N. N. E. Ship heading E.
8			Under a close reef main top sail & reefed
10	E. S. E.	N.	fore sail, off soundings, saw a bark
12			heading N. W. under a heavy press of sail,
2			at 10 P.M. set reefed main sail, the wind
4	E. S. E.	N.	gradually moderating
6	W. S. W.	N.	At 5 A.M. turned the reef from the
8			main sail, at 10 P.M. set fore top
10			sail, at noon under double reef top sail
12	W. by N.	N.	& courses, black heavy looking weather
2	W.	N. E. W.	Remarks on Saturday July 15 th 1853
4	N. E. E.	N. E. W.	This day comes in with strong breezes
6	N. E. by E.	N. W. by W.	At 4 P.M. ship heading W. & W. by E.
8			Under double reef top sails & courses, several
10			vessels in sight, all bound, at 3 P.M. set
12			the gill, at 4 P.M. tacked ship heading S. by W.
2	N. E. by E.	N. W. by W.	At 4 M. set single reef top sail,
4			winds baffled, ship heading from
6			N. E. E. to N. E. have seen about 20
8			vessels, bound S. E. E.
10	N. E. by E.	N. W. by W.	Sat. by. Chr. 35. 54
12			
2			Remarks on Sunday July 16 th 1853
4	N. E. by E.	N. W. by W.	This day comes in with strong breezes
6			from N. W. & N. N. W. ship heading
8			At 4 P.M. & N. E. under single reef top
10	N. E. E.	N. W.	sails & courses, have seen about 20
12			vessels, bound S. E. E.
2			Sounded by. Chr. 73. 24
4	N. N. E.	N. W.	At 5 A.M. blowing strong, at 8 A.M.
6			lying too under a close reef main top
8			sail, & fore topmast staysail,
10			Sat. by. Chr. 35. 43
12			

have drifted 25 miles to the S. E.

No progress, then 24 fathoms

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2	N. E. by E.	N. W.	Remarks on Monday July 17 th 1853
4			This day comes in with a heavy gale
6			& snow storm from N. W. ship lying
8			too under a close reef main top sail,
10			heading N. E. by E.
12			
2	N. E. by E.	N. W.	At 10 A.M. a little less wind,
4			At 10 P.M. set fore top sail,
6			
8			
10			
12	N. E.	N. N. W.	
2	N. E.	N. N. W.	Remarks on Tuesday July 18 th 1853
4	W. by S.	N. N. W.	This day comes in with a moderate
6			gale from N. N. W. ship heading N. E.
8			under a double reef fore & main top
10			sail, at 4 P.M. set fore ship, heading
12			up W. by S. at 5 P.M. set fore sail,
2			
4			At 4 M. quite moderate, made
6	W. S. W.	N. W.	all sail, ship heading N. E. E.
8	N. E. E.	N. W.	crew employed at mending sail,
10			
12			No observation
2	N. N. E.	N. W.	Remarks on Wednesday July 19 th 1853
4			This day comes in with moderate
6			breezes & cloudy weather, with
8	N. N. E.	N. W.	occasional shower squalls, ship
10			heading N. E. E. at 2 P.M. spoke
12			the cutter H. M. D. Brig Habana
2	N. W.	N. E. E.	Packet, bound to New York
4			
6			At 4 M. commenced blowing, at 8
8			at 8 P.M. under a double reef main top
10			sail, & reef fore sail,
12	W. S. W.	N.	Sat. by. Chr. 35. 58
2	W. S. W.	N.	Remarks on Thursday July 20 th 1853
4			This day comes in with a moderate
6			gale from N. ship heading W. by N.
8	W. by N.	N. by W.	Under a double reef main top sail,
10			& reefed fore sail,
12			Sounded by. Chr. 72. 40
2	W. by S.	N. N. W.	Latter part of A.M. set main top
4	N. E. E.	N. N. W.	Gull, sail, & fly gills.
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12	N. N. E.	N. W.	Sat. by. Chr. 35. 45