

Ship Charles Phelps of Stonington Outward Bound 1844

Wednesday
July the 3

Commences with a fresh breeze from SW and pleasant steering
ESE with all sail set saw a brig standing to the Eastward
at sundown saw a shoal of Blackfish and Porpoises
Middle part a brisk wind SSW to WSW Course ESE Latter
part much the same one watch employed in ships duty
Obs Lat 39.57 Long 46.20 W

Thursday
July the 4

Commences with a fresh breeze from SW steering ESE with
all sail set at 7 o'clock took in the fore top gallant sail
Middle part a brisk breeze at daylight set the fore and
mizzen top gallant and flying jib Latter part fine pleasant
weather the watch employed in ships duty so ends these 24 hours
by Lunar 41.51 W Obs Lat 40.21 Long 46.49 W

Friday
July the 5

These 24 hours commences with a brisk wind from SSW steering
SE by E fine pleasant weather all sail set at 3 o'clock saw whales
but they proved to be pinbacks Middle and latter part
a fine breeze pleasant weather saw a sail standing
to the eastward the watch employed in ships duty
by Lunar 38.55 Obs Lat 40.20 W Long 46.38 W

Saturday
July the 6

These 24 hours commences with a light breeze from SSW
steering SE by E employed in building a potato pen at 6 o'clock
hauling up and steered SE Middle and latter part
a light breeze and pleasant weather the watch employed
in setting up the head rigging so ends these 24 hours
by Lunar 36.43 Obs Lat 39.57 Long 46.34 W

Sunday
July the 7

These 24 hours commences with light airs from SSW ship
heading SE with light squalls of rain saw a sail standing
to the SE employed in taring down the main top mast back
stays at dusk saw a shoal of Blackfish Middle part
light baffling winds from SSE to SSW Latter part
light airs from W and pleasant so ends this day
Obs Lat 39.47 Long 46.44 W

Monday
July the 8

These 24 hours commences with light from W steering SE
with fine pleasant weather saw 3 sail to the southward
standing to the SE the 2nd mate Mr Ham sick with the
intermittent fever Middle and latter part light
airs and calms 7 sail in sight the watch employed
in ships duty so ends these 24 hours
Obs Lat 39.39 Long 46.58 W

Tuesday
July the 9

These 24 hours commences with light airs and calms
at 6 p.m. lowered away the boats to practice pulling
at 7 o'clock a light breeze sprung up from the SE ship heading
ESE 8 sail in sight Middle and latter part a light
breeze from SSE ship heading E at 9 o'clock exchanged colours
with an English Brigantine 13 sail in sight the watch
employed in painting the boats and line trails so ends
Obs Lat 40.01 W Long 46.09 W

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Wednesday
July the 10

These 24 hours commences with a light breeze from SSE ship
heading E with fine pleasant weather all sail set Middle
and latter part light airs and calms 20 sail in sight
the watch employed in breaking out the main hatchway for fresh
water painting Boat &c so ends this day
Obs Lat 40.38 W Long 46.70 W

Thursday
July the 11

These 24 hours commences light airs and calms at 4 p.m.
a light sprang up from the SE ship heading SSW sent down
our fore top gallant sail and menored it at sun down 29 sail
in sight from must head Middle and latter part light
baffling winds from SE to S ship on the western tack 4 men sick
& Portuguese the boy Mathews and Joseph Burbee he has been
sick ever since we left Stonington off duty so ends the day
Obs Lat 39.51 W Long 46.70 W

Friday
July the 12

These 24 hours commences with a light breeze from SE ship heading
SSW fine pleasant weather 6 sail in sight at 7 o'clock the wind
hauling to SSE tacked ship heading E on this tack Middle and
latter part light baffling winds from SSE to S tacked and
retacked several times in the morning 2 sail in sight at 8 o'clock
saw one with her main yard aback and boats down we stood along
and saw they were Blackfishing we lowered away 3 boats but could not
get fast we spoke their boats and found it was the Chariot of Warren 22
days out 5 Blackfish the other ship stood along and lowered she proved
to be the Charleston of New London 17 days out no oil
Obs Lat 39.44 Long 46.70 W

Saturday
July the 13

Commences with a light breeze from SE by E heading E by S pleasant
weather all sail set at 5 p.m. saw a fin back the watch employed
in ships duty Middle and latter part light baffling winds
and calms at 6 o'clock saw the Islands of Flores and Corvo bearing
SE the Chariot and Charleston in sight so ends
Obs Lat 40.09 Long 46.12 W

Sunday
July the 14

Commences with light baffling winds from SSE to SSW ship
on the eastern tack at sun down Flores bore S by E distant
35 miles Corvo bearing SE by S with southerly distant 28 miles
and latter part light baffling winds from the southward
and westward bearing up to Flores so ends this day

Monday
July the 15

Commences with baffling winds from the southward and
westward at 4 o'clock got up with the Island of Flores the Capt
lowered his boat and went ashore and engaged his recruits
at dark came on board stood off and on through the night
a French Barque from Rio Janeiro bound to Havre lying off and
on recruiting at 7 p.m. got in with the hunting Portuguese lowered
a boat the Captain went on shore at 10 o'clock commences bringing
the potatoes on board 4 ships lying off and on recruiting the
Chariot of Warren the Lexington of Nantucket the Dromed of
New London and Barque from Provincetown &c