

add 5th boat

July 1852 *Stamtschatha*

Monday 12th this day commenced light winds from the southward with beautiful weather steering by the wind to the N. & W. under all sail. Saw several sails one entering and burling saw the land before St. Lawrence bearing N. 1/2 E. by 8 distant 20 miles saw a deer Lish at 3 o'clock saw whales in our way they were breaching at this time we have not made out what they are but suppose them to be humpbacks. at 4 o'clock made them out to be polar whales. Sighted the 3 labboard boats without success. Middle part calm latter light winds from S. & S. E. steering by the wind for the land at 8 o'clock P.M. raised a cloud whale to the north distant 12 miles at 10 got him a long side and commenced cutting the whale proves to be a very good one.

Tuesday 13th commenced with strong breeze from the eastward employed at cutting at 10 finished mid night sail. Spoke Bark Lark of N. London. Sailing master 2 whales this season. Next ship Levant Cooper master 5 whales and bark Chertsey of shipyard 1 whale Smith master. Middle part strong breeze from the eastward with rain and fog laying by the wind under double reefed main top sail and fore sail employed at burling. Latter part moderate thick fog.

Wednesday 14th commenced with light winds and thick fog employed at burling. Latter part of this day struck and saved a whale to the waist boat.

Thursday 15th commenced with light winds from the eastward employed at cutting saw 13 sails off St. Lawrence Island. Middle part wind and weather the same latter part struck and saved a whale to the waist boat.

July 26 1852
commenced with thick fog saw plenty of whales layed out. Discovered since the 14th we have taken 5 whales picked up 2 dead ones and the worst boat struck and saved 3 the proved very poor they made us 48 1/2 barrels at this rate we are in the straits but don't know where as we have had thick fog for the past week saw a great number of ships all doing well. On the 24th the fog continued and is likely to sub a great many devil fish.

July 28 commenced with thick fog at 10 o'clock at 11 cleared up spoke ship 3 trunks of New Bedford 5 whales this season.

Friday July 30 1852
commenced with strong breeze from the eastward with rain and fog laying with the head yards of back heading to the S. & E. Saw a few whales at 4 o'clock at 11 heard a gun several times in succession supposed it to be from some ship in distress we dropped anchor as near as possible and fired our gun but received no answer. We are anchored in 25 fathoms water but where we do not know we may be in the straits but we think we are in the straits 30 miles to the S. & E. of King's Island we have at 3 past current setting to the N. & E. Latter part cleared off some saw 14 ships at anchor spoke ship barabour of mastic 9 whales this season. So ends with thick fog which we have had for the last 2 weeks.