

April 1863

Wednesday 27 This day commenced with fresh breeze from S.E. steering to the N. Under all sail saw some ykampusse lowered without success Middle part strong breeze and snow latter part the same laying by the wind on different tacks and trying to keep clear of the ice that surrounds us The ice is so thick we can scarcely see a mile but large fields as we saw yesterday the weather condenses as cold as ever and sail must be nearly 55 or 60

Thursday 28 commenced blowing a gale from East laying by the wind on different tacks saw a great number of icebergs but no fields The snow continues to come as thick as ever The captain is unwell so as to be obliged to keep his cabin most of the time latter part nothing to do but gales of wind fields of ice and thick snow storm
Sail by Account 55 & 10 North
Log Unknown

Friday 29 All of this day blowing strong from N.E. to N.W. weather very cold so as to freeze in the sun saw large hedges of ice found it very difficult to keep clear of it through the middle part latter part making the best of our way to the N. through large fields of heavy ice saw some few fur seals
Sail by obs 55 22 North

Saturday 30 commenced with fresh gales from the Westward steering to the Northward through large fields of ice under close reefed main and mizzen topsails at 3 o'clock A.M. saw a bow head in the ice did not lower for him at 5 o'clock luffed by the wind for the night in a small opening of about 5 miles square Middle part fine weather laying in the ice on short tacks latter part running to the N.E. through large fields of ice pleasant weather but cold
Saw several bowheads
Sail 55 58 N

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Sun 1st part of this day beautiful weather steering to the N.E. at 2 o'clock A.M. lowered for a bow head struck to the bow boat and lost line
At 4 A.M. lowered and struck to the waist boat line parted so commenced making Middle part fine weather laying by the ice latter part all whaling first part struck to the S.W. 1st part line next the latter part struck down in the ice and struck S.W. 1st part and drew The A.M. 1st part had a chance the boat steered had a chance but missed or so said
Sail 56 N

Monday 2 commenced with fresh breeze from the North saw plenty of whales the S.W. 1st part and 2 whales missed the latter part struck and when struck parted the weather is so cold that the water freezes on the lines as we haul them In or where ever it touches Middle part blowing a gale laying under close reefed topsails latter part the same saw few whales did not lower the ice disappears very fast
The captain is very unwell

Tuesday 3 commenced with fresh breeze from N.W. saw whales lowered without success
At 4 lowered and struck to the bow boat and drew It seems strange that I should have such cursed hard luck latter part struck to the After waist boat

Wednesday 4 fine weather commenced cutting at 4 o'clock finished at 5 commenced hauling latter part struck and saved a whale to the harbour boat
At 4 A.M. commenced cutting

Thursday 5 first part fine weather employed at cutting lowered for whales had one missed to the bow boat at 5 struck to the after waist boat part line lost came on board the captain had finished cutting with the ship's crew

Monday 9 commenced blowing a gale from N.E. and we are surrounded by ice saw one whale we have lost run of them the 2 we caught turned up from the water 212 barrel
Middle and latter part the same