

Monday May 18th

Light, wind from S.E. and fair weather. Ship froze up in the bay 3 Ship one mile off. Saw & heard a good many whales last night to the South of the ship & saw several whales through the day. Hatches repairing side and topsails on the yard. Cooper setting up shushes. Saw Walrus on the ice. Saw plenty of Ducks flying to the S.E. and to the N.W. I want the ice to open so we can lower our boats and catch a whale.

Tuesday May 19th

Light wind from E. to S.E. and cloudy with light snow and warm weather. Ship froze up in the ice and was hauled to the big ice. Chased a Curlew and packed ship on the side of the boat house and put flats on the lower edge of the curtains. Cooper fixed 2 Casks. Saw plenty of whales last night and saw the Three Brothers boat down in a strip of clear water this morning. The ice is sloping to weather about the ships.

Wednesday May 20th

Light airs from N.E. to S and cloudy most the time, but warm. The ice opens and melts some. There is a large field of smooth ice to the N.W. of us that is not broken up. We have been currented N.W. along this unbroken ice 20 miles the last 3 days. We lay here tied up to the ice. Saw plenty of whales last night and several in sight through the day. Three Brothers & Ship Florida are working this way. Massachusetts one half mile off to the S.E. and the other 2 ships are to the West of us 2 miles off. Saw Walrus on the ice.

Lat 63° 05' Long 177° 51'

Thursday May 21st

Begins with light airs from S and a thick fog and warm & the ice is thawing. At 1 P.M. breeze up from S and the fog cleared up & the ice looked more open. Three Brothers was higher to us and the Florida the same distance off to the West of us. Massachusetts half a mile off S.E. of us. Last night heard & saw 3 or 4 whales working to the West. At 6 P.M. saw the Florida boat fast to a whale in loose ice & all 4 boats down. Then it came up foggy again. Took down the old Stoven boat from over head & the Cooper & Carpenter are repairing her. Took out the fore staysail and fitted it all ready to bend.

Friday May 22nd

This day strong wind from N.W. and clear weather. Sailing fast to the ice. Saw no whales. Florida & Three Brothers 5 miles to the N.W. of us. The Florida lost her whale last night. Massachusetts is 1 mile to the S.E. of us. Sounded soft cloudy bottom & 53 fathoms. We are drifting to the E.N.E. true fast. At 1 P.M. took the anchors from the ice and set whole topsails and run to the ice one mile through thick ice and got in to a large strip of clear water & a large field of thin ice to the N.W. not broken. Took in sail and made fast to the ice. Cooper & Carpenter repairing an old boat. It is not lively with birds here as it was where the Lat by Ch 63° 16' Long 177° 14' 4 miles was further South.

Saturday May 23rd

Through the day the southerly blew moderated, and mild weather. We laid fast to the glow of ice all day & I went to the Massachusetts and spent the afternoon. Walked on the ice to her. She fast to the same glow of ice and the three brothers & Florida fast to the same glow of ice and 5 miles off.