

Two ships in sight to the SW of us and we call

one of them a boiling, At 4 PM Three Brothers made sail and steered to the West through the strip of ice in to a large place of clear water, At 8 PM I came on board from the Massachusetts and set all sail and steered to the West for the strip of clear water, The Massachusetts has a dead whale in sight that she caught & kept the other day to the S of us, Set the Massachusetts four long for her darling gun and she gave me 4 in return of them,

Lat by obs 63, 30 Long by acct 177, 14

Sunday May 24th

In the fore noon we worked 2 miles to the NW with light air from N. At 11 AM took a buoy from NW, We run in to a strip of clear water, and laid aback & the three brothers came along and spoke us and Capt. Taber came on board of us & at 2 PM he went on board the Florida and spent the after noon with Capt. Fraizer, Saw 2 bargues to the SW of us one of them a boiling, and the 2 bargues stood to the N, Saw the Massachusetts take her anchor along side & cut him, At night we saw a bowhead & a Carib, We all agreed to go in the ice to the North, Ice thick and we can move the ice.

Lat by obs 63, 41 Long about 177, 00

Monday May 25th

Last night we worked to the NE through thick ice. Light wind from NW. In the forenoon wind hauled to SE, We worked out of thick ice and at noon came to a large strip of clear water and scattering ice, At 3 PM came to thick ice raised 2 ships to the N of us one of them is the Water Belle & I think the other is the Libby, Saw the Massachusetts 12 miles SE of a boiling and working this way, The Eagle of Honolulu & the George Howland are 18 miles W of us and Florida of San Francisco and Three Brothers accompanying, The ice is thick

to the N & NE as far as we can see from the mast head

Wore our iron hoops grating and that off the stem and made a mat out of the old cutting fall and put it over the bow carrying all sail

Lat by obs 63, 36 Long by Ch 176, 54

Tuesday May 26th

Light wind from SE and good weather At 10 in the fore noon the ice opened some, set all sail and worked to the NW 4 or 5 miles by leaving the ice clear of the ship, Saw 2 ships along ways off to the NW & 2 of them a boiling, 15 ships in sight, Massachusetts a boiling, Massachusetts, Florida & Three Brothers close by us, I saw a large bowhead turn flukes in a hole of water, All ice as far as we can see, All the ships are headed to the NW & NW by N, Florida came along side of us, with one cake of ice between us

Lat by obs 63, 58 Long by Ch 176, 19 West

Wednesday May 27

Fresh breeze from SE and cloudy weather, Last night & to day we have worked to the NW a few miles of packed ice with all sail set, Several ships working the same way, Filled a mat with iron hoops grating on the bow, The cutting fall that on the stem only lasted last night, Carpenter repairing hole boat, The ice broke few times through the day, Saw 2 bowheads, Sounded, got 45 fathoms of water

Thursday May 28th

Fresh wind from E most of the day and a light snow storm, Latter part of the day hauled to NE and breezed up again, Saw the three brothers to the SE of us and the Florida to the SW of us, Took 2 long strips of clear ice and passed through some very heavy ice, Sounded & got 45 fathoms of water, Lashed 2 white oak barks & gathered all ready to put over the stern, We worked several miles NW, brought ice