

Sunday May 9th

Light breeze from NW to NNE and fine warm weather. 11 Ships in the hall lying along the ice and 4 Ships to the NW in the ice in sight and 5 in the ice to the NW gone out of sight. In the morning Capt Wade came aboard also Capt Lullbear and I took a while and then we went on board and spent the day on board the Florida & had a pleasant game. The ice looking broken to the North. We are over 20 miles to the North South where we left the ship.

Lat by obs 58° 48' N

Monday May 10th

Fresh breeze from E and good weather. In the morning I steered off to the N in to the ice & ran about 25 miles through the ice. Came up with 13 Ships that lay to the N of us & 13 Ships went in to the ice with me. Run through scattering ice till 2 P.M. then drove to in the thick ice. All the Ships drove too for the night. Weather thickening up.

Lat by obs 60, 18 Long by Ch

East 152, 04

Tuesday May 11th

Last night strong wind from ESE and laid to in the ice. In the morning a big swell came in from SE & set the ice and ships in motion and thumped some. We around and headed the swell & the ship laid better. At 4 P.M. were backing away heading NW & WNW, 25 Ships in the ice all in sight. Ice broken to the South and packed to the North.

Lat by obs 60, 10 Long about 147, 10 East

Wednesday May 12th

Last night Red Jack wind from ESE and heads to the NW with little sail out, and a big swell from SE and the ship foundered the ship hard and broke the hook to the rudder table and broke out 2 spokes to the wheel. In the night saw 2 bowheads come up along side of the ship and still. In the morning set sail and headed to the NW a little through the ice. Saw one whale & saw the Oris bomb and lower for a while. We were around and made fast to the ice and backed in sail. Saw 3 or 4 more bowheads. At 2 P.M. all the ships took in sail. Saw the James Allen with Collars flying, by the men working around the stern. I think something is the matter with her rudder. Saw the Angus Barney with a whaling signal light. 15 Ships were in the ice and all took in sail. This swell is chewing this ice up fast. I went on board the Oris and got some sea coals.

Lat about 60, 10 N Long about 147, 10

Thursday May 13th

Light variable wind from the Northwest and very fine weather. Sailing still fast to the ice with hands and the Oris close by. I went on board of her and spent the day by running a line to my ship and pulled their ship around to the NW. Then on the ice going from ship to ship. 25 Ships in sight in the ice and some out of sight to the East of us. At 4 P.M. ice opened at 6 P.M. light wind from W. Set all sail and tried to head to the North. Ice began to close up again after making sail. Oris made sail. Black Smith got the forge up and fixed some rings for the Darting gun and a stouter screw he made for the Darting gun. Saw several whales last night and this fore noon. Heard from James Allen that the swell and ice had twisted her rudder off and the Angus bars rudder was smashed. Saw some seals.

Lat by obs 60, 18 Long by Ch 147, 05