

Friday May 11th

Light wind from W and fine weather, Last night Sat all sail and worked to the N.E. a mile and then the ice closed up again, 11 ships in sight off Deck & none in sight from the Bull-head, Ice loaded with snow, The storm is coming up with us, Some foggy last night, Capt Hale came aboard this afternoon.

Lat by obs 60° 33' Long by Ch 176° 6'

Saturday May 12th

Light wind from W and fine clear weather. All sail set and heading to the N.E., Saw one bowhead & saw the little bump the whole of saw the whole run his fin out, & the little took in sail. 11 ships in sight off Deck, Saw some seals on the ice, See flocks of ducks every day flying to the N.E., Move the cutting jolly, Made some springing.

Lat by obs 60° 26' Long by acct 177° 06'

Sunday May 13th

Light wind from S.W. and cloudy & drizzly weather. 9 ships in sight off Deck, Saw a strip of clear water off Deck to the West of us, Most of the ships has sail set, heading to the N.E. Ice close to me don't get along, We have all sail set,

Enter by obs 60° 25'

Monday May 14th

Fresh breeze from S and mist snow through the night and good weather through the day, Shortened sail last night, but set all sail at noon & tried to go N.E., Ice thick? Saw about 10 bowheads, last night of this day, all working to the N.E. slowly, Saw some seals, & ships in sight, 8 ships to the N.E. of us, Small strips of clear water, the ships have all sail set but the little,

Lat by obs 60° 14' N Long by Ch 176° 34'

Tuesday May 15th

Light wind from E.S.E. and haze. Some the first part of the day, ship close fast in the ice. At 4 PM the ice opened some, Sat all sail and worked in to the N.E. 2 miles, Came in to a strip of clear water, with thin ice on the N side and by ice on the S side. At 7 PM made fast to big ice and took in sail, stopped and wet, ice thawing fast, Saw the Trident trying to get a whale to the ship through the ice, Saw 4 ships.

Lat by obs 60° 36'

Wednesday May 16th

Begins with strong wind from S.E. and cloudy, ship made fast to the ice and packed close all the quarter heading N.E., 9 ships in sight, set them to the N.E. of us, try to get one mile to the East of us, cutting a whale, 3 ships are a mile to the N.E. of us, some streaks of big ice and some places thin ice. Saw last night in a place of clear water lots of small ducks, last part of this day blew a hard gale from S.E. with a thick snow storm, blowed very heavy in squalls, saw 20 cutting jolly fast to the ice by ice hooks & 2 blubber hooks, hope the little will not reach us, think it will reach us to night, Cooper making Ram Hogg for me, late between Deck repairing these.

Thursday May 17th

The gale died out last night & to day we have a swell from S. thick all day and wet snow falling part the time, Light breeze from E. & heading to the N.E., we are fast to 3 big cakes of ice, some places thin ice in between open, if the wind was fair we could go along pretty well through this ice, At times we see the Trident a sailing heard a whistle about this morning, whales have gone to the N.E., Caught a seal, plenty of birds around, Cooper making Hogg Carpenter repaired the lead rail forward.

Lat by obs 60° 58' \