

Saturday Aug 18th

Strong gales from N.E. and Rugged water, Snow Squalls, Sun Shine between the Squalls. Standing off & on the ice, Carrying Close reefed top sails & staysails. In the forenoon we ran off two hours to the S.W. & saw Bowheads, so we kept by the wind close by the ice, Saw 2 Ships coming from the N.E. and kept by, & Ships seem to say, Saw 3 Bowheads in lat 71, 01 or 10 & Long 161, 10. Saw the Florida run off, spoke the B.K. Vinard, She has seen 5 whales here the last two days, being cool I put on my Rain Deer Shirt. We have been 10 miles to the S of this & saw 2 Ships miles farther North running off (Lat by obs 71, 01 & Long by Ch 161, 10)

Sunday Aug 19th

Strong gales & thick Snow Squalls from N.E. and Course water, Standing off and on the ice, Carrying Close reefed main top sail & staysails. In the morning saw a Ship to the N.E. of us in shore, made the ice and ran off 8 miles to the S.W. and laid aback till 1 P.M. then run off S.W. 12 miles & saw 3 Sail lying by, one the Vinard & one I & Thomson, he makes off to the West I think. At noon saw a whale & a Seal close by the ship, the whales are in lat 71, 00 or by the ice, see whale birds.

Lat by obs 71, 00 Long at noon by Ch 162, 00
Monday Aug 20th

Strong gales from N.E. and Cold Rugged water, Cloudy with Snow and Sleet, Carrying Close reefed main top sails & staysails by the wind, off from the ice, 3 Sail in sight. Hounded and got 22 Gathers along the ice. Hounded off the ice last night and got 24 Gathers water. At 6 P.M. Hounded off the ice & got 26 Gathers.
Lat by obs 71, 08

Tuesday Aug 31st

Strong gales from N.E. and Rugged water, & Cloudy till 5 P.M. then cleared off along the ice. Saw the Wilhelm toward, Rismark & Emily Morgan come from the Eastward along the ice, spoke the forward. She is from 74, 30 North, & seen no whales, Ice huge, I & Thomson, trydent and some other Ships in sight to the S.W. Hounded several times and got from 22 to 25 Gathers water. We are carrying staysails and Double reefed main top sail, I think we have drifted to the West.

Lat by acct 71, 12 Long by Ch 164, 30 West
Wednesday Sept 1st 1869

Fresh breeze from N. and good weather, stood to the Eastward most of the day with all Sail set, saw a Ship lower her boats to the S.E. of us, in the afternoon we stood back to the ice and gave water 1 & Thomson and Brewer, Elizabeth Swift, & Hellen Mar 14 Sail in sight, working to the Eastward, laid aback all night.
Long at 3 P.M. 165, 30
Lat about 71, 15 Long at 8 P.M. 165, 17

Thursday Sept 2nd

Fresh breeze from N. and good weather, in the morning set all Sail and stood to the N.E. & 19 Ships standing the same way. At 1 P.M. came to whales and all the Ships lowered their boats & chased Bowheads, we saw 3 or 4 and chased, see Jack in the water, & Walrus & whale birds 10 fathoms water and rather pretty looking. Had some Gagg Squid. I & Thomson got a whale & saw 6 other Ships boats fast.

Lat about 71, 00 Long about 161, 30