

Thursday April 21st

Strong wind from NW and cloudy & raw cold weather. Steering NW by W carrying all sail till 9 AM then shortened sail, wind blew on, broke out water. Killed our 5th last Bullock and hung him up for his skin. Killed 3 small black dogs, & hung them up to freeze. Ice makes on deck. Lat about 57° N, Long 140° W.

Friday April 22nd

Strong wind from NW to NW and cold cloudy weather and freezing weather. Through the night freezing with and through the day. Healed NW by E by S carrying all top sails. Latter part of the day carrying all sail. Ice making on the ship. Lat by obs 58° N, Long 140° W.

Saturday April 23rd

At midnight a breeze sprang up from SE and steered NW. Carrying all sail. In the morning blowed a gale & a thick snow storm. Saw hawks and ducks. Took in sail and have too tender to close reefed main top sail & staysails. Tending SE. W. Turned over the lee boat, being blown on leeward and a big sea & the barometer fell low.

Lat about 59° 00' Long about 140° West

Sunday April 24th

Last night the gale from SE moderate. Down at 5 in the morning set double reefed top sails & steered off at a heavy swell coming from South. In the course of the day set all sail and the wind hauled to ESE and thick with little snow at times, three ducks & hawks plenty, water blue.

Lat about 60° 50' N Long about 141° 20' W

Monday April 25th

Light wind from NW, steered to the N. W. along the ice part of the day & then came back to the NW. All sail set and good weather with a big swell from SE. Plenty of hawks around the ship, some gulls and ducks. The sea as far as we can see is thin and light. Coiled a lot of new whale lines & now all the lines are new & 15 coils of whale line at times to fill all our 5 boats with lines, 5 coils of line in a boat.

Lat by obs 60° 50' Long E by Ch 141° 40'

Tuesday April 26th

Light wind from NW by SE and good weather, cloudy part the time. Worked to the westward a little. Saw plenty of birds & seals. Latter part of the day saw about 2 dozen fur seals, some on the ice and some in the water. Saw a bear shot 2 or 3 and they dove & we did not catch any. These seals was black and long lead & short. Saw some ducks. Ice ground fine and light as far as we could see from mast head. That on our track to the N. have some new fells to divide. At 4 PM reefed the top sail and spunked the courses.

Lat by obs 61° 15' Long by Ch 142° 30'

Wednesday April 27th

Fresh breeze from NW to NW and fine clear weather. In the morning set all sail and steered to the NW. All sail set. At 10 AM saw 2 ships to the N of us in a hole. Beat up to them by 5 PM and shortened sail. I went aboard the Hibernia & Capt. Regan came there from Josephine & we spent the evening. Then Capt. Regan came aboard of us and laid a whale and had a good game. 2 more ships in sight to the NW.

Lat by obs 61° 12' Long E by Ch 142° 15'