

Wednesday May 4th Strong wind from N and
Clear & Cold freezing weather, Ice closed up tight
and we lay with double reefed topsails out and
Capt. McGowan, the Josephine found a strip of water
is 6 miles to the E of us and the Heberna is 12 miles
SSE of us, We hauled both Chene cables on deck and
hoisted all the bolts to the shackles and put in wooden
pins; Black Smith has made 2 good Crooks

Lat by obs 61, 20 Long by Ch 177, 12

Thursday May 5th Fresh breeze from NW and Clear & Cold,
Sun shines bright, Saw several bowheads last night &
seen 13 bowheads to day around the ship in holes and
had 3 boats down all day & came near striking 2
whales, these are very large whales and still, but
several pods of grampuses, the ice is off some around
the ship and light ice, but packed off from the
ship, Heberna 15 miles SSE of us & Josephine
3 miles E by S of us and men out on the ice trying to
strike whales, see plenty of gulls, We have drifted
15 miles SSE, at 4 the ship struck and killed a whale
and cut him in Lat by obs 61, 17 Long by Ch 177, 17 E

Friday May 6th

Light SW wind and warm weather,
Ice closed up, Finished cutting our whale and set sail
to work SSE, Saw 4 or 5 bowheads, at 11 AM started the
works to sail, Capt. Hogen came aboard at 10 & stood
till 11 PM, Josephine has struck & killed 5 whales and
lost them, and she has seen plenty of whales, Heberna
carrying all sail and working to the S & she is about 10 miles
East of us, See another ship off deck to the SSE of us
coming this way with all sail out, Plenty of gulls & Chaglets
around the ship Lat by obs 61, 16 Long by Ch 177, 20

Saturday May 7th

Light wind from SW and fine
weather, Last night we worked to the SSE as far
as Josephine and the looks in sail, See the ship Florida
idea a Stern coming up with us and 6 more ships to
the SW of us, Ice open some, I spent the fore noon
on board the Josephine & we did not make sail till
after dinner, for we found that we had been drifted to
the South 4 miles after working 5 miles to the SSE
So we set all sail after dinner but wind too light
to make headway, Heberna most out of sight to the
SSE of us We are a sailing

Lat by Ch 61, 12 Long by Ch 177, 36

Sunday May 8th

Light wind from South and foggy and foggy
last night, Steering to the N all we could with all sail set
ice some faster, Josephine picked up one of the whales
that she bled two or three days fast, Ship Florida SSE of
us and coming up with us, see quite plenty of seals on
the ice, finished building our small whale, see nothing
of the Heberna

Lat by obs 61, 10

Monday May 9th

Fresh breeze from SW and foggy weather
Carrying all sail and working to the SSE, found the
ice open pretty well and had a good run by thrumping ice
at 2 PM we was packed up tight & ship Josephine
came up with us, see the Heberna 8 miles SSE of us
a sailing, saw some grampuses, see the Florida along
waits to the S of us, see two more ships to the West of
us, We stowed down our whale 72 lbs after of their catch
see seals on the ice

Lat by obs 61, 25 N