

Tuesday May 10th

Fresh breeze from S.E. and good weather. We was closed up in the ice and the Josephine close by us & the ship Florida came up close to us. We saw about 10 whales around the ship and heard several more whales. We had men out most of the day with long line. Had a chance to strike a whale where there was 2 whales in a hole, but Mr Whitney & Mr Antone did not make nor try to get an iron line to the whales, but fired 2 bombs on the two whales and spilt the chance for striking the whales. I spent the afternoon on board the ship Florida & to Dr. Capt. Cogan. Capt. Frazier gave me the news of a few ships on the east side of the ice. Heberma in sight to the N.E.

Wednesday May 11th

Strong wind from E.S.E. and a thick & wet snow storm and a swell from South. All sail set & the ice packed up close. Josephine close by. Heberma in sight to the E.S.E. and Florida 3 miles off to the N.W. of us. Can't cross through the ice, ship pausing & waiting some.

Thursday May 12th

Light wind from S and foggy weather, and a big swell the first part of the day but we laid to very well. Had all sail out the first part of the day and Clewed down at 1 P.M. Heading N. Capt. Cogan came on board and spent the afternoon with me & Mr Long came on board a while & I gave Capt. Cogan a piece of beef. Mr Potter & Mr Whitney went on board the Josephine & laid out. Ice well packed.

Friday May 13th

In the morning wind hauled to E. and cleared off & saw 4 ships in sight. At 4 P.M. wind hauled to N.E. and blowed to a gale. Saw 4 more ships to the E.S.E. of us. One of the ships to the S.W. of us is a sailing ship. Saw killers Grampises & a Finback. We are in big ice. At 4 P.M. I went on board Josephine & she broke a drift & ice opened and I left & came to my ship. Saw the land to the N. 10 miles off.

Saturday May 14th Lat 64° 45' Long 61° 52'

Fresh wind from E.S.E. and rain and snow last night & this fore noon and a big swell from S.E. Sea to the E. some strips of clear water, but clearing up. Ducks & gulls in the clear water & saw a small Finback. Josephine 2 miles S.W. of us. At noon went to the blacksmith and later on board of her to do some blacksmithing for the Josephine. Then for the group in the afternoon they then returned for coal and a man to work in blacksmiths place. He not leaving but gives the ship some. Saw 2 other ships to the N.W. of us. At 3 P.M. I cast off the fastening to the ice and set sail to work to the Josephine. At 6 P.M. saw a whale close by the ship & Mr Whitney thrust the harpoon into the whale & threw a bag the harpoon gun.

Sunday May 15th Fresh breeze from N.E. and foggy at times. We are lying closed up in the ice. Saw 2 whales this morning. The Josephine saw several whales to the West of us. Sperm. Seneca. Close by and 10 other ships in sight. Saw plane in sight to the N.E. & true Sounded & got 62 fathoms of higher. Officers maybe had merman striking whales. They have this 2 good chances to fasten to whale & throw away one of Pierses guns. Lat 64° 53' S.