

Monday May 16th

Beginning with fresh wind from E and hazy weather, Saw one whale going East, Saw a dozen ships and one ship sailing to the E of us, Ice opened very much first of the day, Saw plenty of ducks & gulls, some small from South, Sounded and had 60 fathoms water ship made fast to leaves ice & sails furled, Last night we saw several whales & saw the Lodephene take a whale, We jibed light shifting boards for the blubber room, for walrus blubber, Sailed part of the wind light & ice closed up, Met snow

Tuesday May 17th

Light wind from E and thick weather and just snow all day, See 8 vessels, See the Lodephene sailing her 2 whales, We are anchored to 2 big pieces of ice with sails furled, First of the day ice opened very much, Sailed part ice closed killed 1 hog & 3 fagg, ship Lorus, Dutch brig & Senica & Florida and other ships in sight, Plenty of gulls & ducks in sight, Sounded 2 times and got 60 fathoms of water

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Wednesday May 18th

Light air from West and calm, Laying anchored to the ice till one till then looking the anchors and set all sail, but not wind to move the ship. Other ships set sail, 12 ships in sight, when it clears up, but it is but a light fog part the time, Saw 2 whales come up close to the ship, We have been current a long way to the West, Plenty of ducks and gulls, Saw the land to the N.W. of us about 15 miles off, Sounded, had 55 fathoms of water, Mr Long came on board from ship Lodephene, they have fished their share and got a whale and are sailing, Lat by obs 62, 04 Long by Ch 177, 35

Thursday May 19th

Light air from N.W. and fine weather, but foggy at times, The ice opened so we worked to the Eastward some, 10 ships in sight when it is clear and all working to the East or E.N.E, We carried all sail, ice thin in places and big ice in places, Saw a small tinback, Plenty of ducks flying off & on the land, In the morning saw the land all along to the N of us

Friday May 20th

Last night a light air from E and at 12 from E.N.E. Took in sail and made fast to the ice, At 10 AM ice opened, set all sail and headed S.E. by E and off to S.E. 10 sail in sight, 3 carrying sail and heading to the S.E. through most of the day, See the Lodephene to the N.E. and see the Lodephene to the West, Saw or heard 2 bowheads last night, See the land to the North, ice open in places and packed in places, See birds, ducks & gulls

Saturday May 21st

Fresh wind from N.E. and hazy weather part of the time, Last night we carried all sail and this fore noon we carried all sail and stood by the wind E.S.E. and came out to the South of the ice and stood to the E along the ice and came to 12 ships along the ice, We saw several whales last night and this morning in the ice and lowered a boat, named North the Mora, Daniel Webster, J. D. Thomson and Senica, Senica & Lodephene came out of the ice with me, saw the Lodephene sailing for second whale

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