

Brig Francis A. Bantow.  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 1891  
Calms & light South winds  
steering to the N. along the E.  
edge of the ice. "BK. Sea Range"  
in sight.

May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Light breezes from S.E.  
steering to the N.W. & W.  
along the edge of the ice.  
employed breaking out  
water & Purvisers

May 27<sup>th</sup>  
Calms & light N.W. winds  
lying aback. up to  
headquarters. "Sledge Island"  
in sight to the North  
spoke BK "J. Allen" another  
BK. and ship "Bonanza"  
in sight. latter part  
all kept off. S. East.

May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Strong S.E. winds steering to  
the S.W. & Westward no  
ice in sight. rather thick  
and rainy.

May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Calms, & light E. winds  
spoke BK "Helen Mar" Ellis, Master  
clean, also BK "Hunted", "Gamming"  
the "Le" Mar

May 30<sup>th</sup>  
Light breeze from the W.  
with some fog, worked up to  
the edge of the ice. saw "St. Lawrence"  
Island. To the N.W. distant - about  
ten miles. spoke BK "James Allen";  
at 4 P.M. five vessels in sight

{ James Allen }

{ Helen Mar }

{ St. Lawrence, Id. }

in Behring Sea. Season of 1891.  
May 31<sup>st</sup>

Moderate breeze from the South.  
at noon. took the ice in company  
with the fleet, and soon went  
through into clear water off the  
S.E. end of "St. Lawrence" Id.  
latter part working to the S. West.

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1891  
Calms & light breeze from the S.W.  
working to the Westward trying to  
get by the S.E. point of St. Lawrence  
Id. latter part. S.E. point bearing. N.  
saw two Devil Fish.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Variables steering to the Westward  
along the southern part of the Id  
saw "Helen Mar" with boats down  
chasing. no success. stern of Boat  
by running a cake of ice under  
her. took her on deck for repairs.  
The snail at the wheel put her  
helm the wrong way. at sunset  
we are right off the S.W. point -  
very little ice in the "Strait"

June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Light variables. cruising by the  
S.W. of St. Lawrence Id. saw "Sea Range"  
chasing. saw a number of Devil Fish.  
repaired S. B. and put her out.  
was branded by the natives from  
the Island. They report having  
taken four whales this spring.

June 4<sup>th</sup>  
Light air from all ways. cruising in  
the Straits. saw a Bonhead  
lowered and chased with out success

{ Bonhead }