

Round North (See in Sight)

Sunday May 9th 1869
Eastward wind with some snow. Steering towards the North all sail set. Saw fin back whales, ducks, gulls, and other kind of sea fowl the day end.
Good weather. Latitude in 56.38 North Longitude in 171.10 East
Saw a few pieces of ice.

Monday 10th This day it breezed on to a gale from N, East took in sail, our ship being among the ice and the sea making, and having the appearance of a heavy gale headed our ship towards the South when we should soon be out of it, then we should feel better for the safety of our ship, we could see drift ice from mast head as far as we could see. Saw fin back whales the day end. Blowing a gale. No ice in sight.
Latitude in 58.22 N Longitude 173.10 East

Tuesday 11th Blowing a moderate gale with squalls of snow our ship heading toward the East under easy sail, there is a heavy sea running occasionally one of these seas would pay us a visit we find the water quite roily as the sailors term it in old weather. Ice makes in places about our ship, the day end moderating heat in 57.20 South

The laps of Aurora, is a cat enjoying her milk.

Round North, for Bowheads

Wednesday 12th Thursday 13th of May 1869
The past 48 hours the winds from N, East to N, West cloudy weather weather quite cold, the thermometer standing at 29 1/2 above zero, a little squally with snow. Saw one fin back whale, and two ships to the North of us, employed painting our main gallery, putting out cutting stage and other small jobs about the ship, end weather looking good

Friday 14th Fresh breeze from the E, S, East our ship lying off and on the ice as we can get no further at present, seven ships in sight named with some of them, their names was the Lagada, Daniel Webster, Roman, George, and Isaac Montland, Swasticks, and Honeyard of Edgar. Some of them had been in the ice and was glad enough to get out again, there has been no whales seen yet the day end strong breeze and cloudy

Saturday 15th E, S, East wind with some snow cruising off the ice, five sails in sight saw many ducks, No observation

Sunday 16th and Monday 17th E, S, East wind blowing fresh our ship cruising off the ice under short sail six ships in sight, saw one fin back whale and any quantity of ice the day end snowing, No observation