

Our Ship East of Cape Thadens

Thursday June 15th - - - 1869

and Wednesday 16th blowing a good breeze from North to N.E. with fog and rain part of the time. and some swell on. our ship under easy sail making short tacks among the ice cannot do much as the wind is ahead we see from 10 to 15 ships daily, saw many birds, seals, and one fin back whale. Some of the ice we find quite heavy the sun rises with us now at 2.30 and sets at 9.45 P.M. we have day light all the time?

Friday 17th Winds light from North to N.E. some ice in sight and seven ships. Saw two whales to day succeeded in striking and saved one the vessel Webster's but it seems was after the same whale we soon had him along side and cut him and he is about an eighty lb whale, his bone measuring about 10 feet, this is our first bowhead, and in fact the first whale of any kind we have taken since leaving home, our ship is now in the latitude of 63.15 North and in the longitude of 179.36 East

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th Winds from East to South with some fog and quite a breeze employed sailing, a few ships in sight and some ice. Saw the land. Lat in 64.10 North

Monday 20th S. East winds with fog most of the time our ship under easy sail employed sailing, finished sailing at 11 P.M. - Saw one bowhead whale, the whales appear to be very shy

The wife makes the home, and the home makes the man.

Our Ship Cruising for Bowheads

Monday June 20th - - - 1869

This day good weather cleared up, wind from N.E. to North, Stowed down 84 bbls of oil. Saw two bowheads chased half of the day without success - Saw a few whales they call muskele diggers, some ice in sight. Saw one walrus on it the day and good weather

Tuesday 21st North winds, good weather steering towards the South not much ice to be seen, saw the land, and two muskele diggers and good weather. Saw one bowhead whale. Lat in 63.54 N, Long 179.01 East

Wednesday 22nd Light N.E. winds steering towards the South our ship sailing along shore off Cape Thadens find some ice see nothing but birds and a few seals the day and good weather

Thursday 23rd Winds light from all points of the compass, steering towards the South, not much ice to be seen, saw fin back whales, grampuses, and codfish and quite a number of birds

Lat in 61.42 N Long 178.24 East

Friday 24th Light winds and variable, good weather all sail set cruising for bowheads. Saw grampuses and one hump back. Saw the land of Cape Thadens and pleasant

If you would kill a Stander, let it alone.