

In the Arctic Ocean, Cruising for Bowheads

Thursday July 29th & Friday 30th the past two days. Winds moderate from nearly all points of the compass, with fog most of the time, our ship cruising on opposite tacks under easy sail. Nothing to be seen but ice, seals, and birds.

Saturday 31st a good breeze from the N. West with fog most of the time. Saw the, Bk Sea-Breeze a few pieces of drift wood, and birds - Sounded gunned 31 fathoms.

Sunday August 1st 1869 Blowing fresh from the North, cloudy weather our ship under single reefed topsails, fift and courses, two ships in sight, some drift wood and birds - whales are scarce.

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd Winds from North to N. West with some fog, saw seals, saw the land, some ice, many walrus, and ducks, gammed with the sea breeze, and Bk. Aurora, seven ships in sight at one time. } Latitude in 69.37 North
Longitude in 164.30 West {

Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th the past 48 hours wind from N. West to N. East blowing fresh part of the time. Saw one bowhead whale, chased him without success. 17 ships in sight some of the time. Gammed with the Aurora, and Gay Head, saw the land, one canoe with natives in it, some ice, great quantity of ducks.

Latitude in 69.56 North
Longitude 164.40 West

In the Arctic Ocean, } Eclipse of the Sun

Friday August 6th - - - 1869

N. East winds with fog and rain, very disagreeable weather, six ships in sight, saw one bowhead and that one the ship Gay Head's boat captured, land in sight part of the time, and some ice, some of the natives came off to us with whale bone, skins to trade. Latitude in 70.10 North

Saturday 7th Quite good weather most of the day with other winds variable but some fog latter part. Saw two ships boiling and one ship boat chasing whales, ten ships in sight altogether. Saw the land and ice, and natives off in their canoes, Eclipse of the Sun nearly total.

Sunday 8th N. East winds with fog most of the day, cruising off the shore east side of land not far off there is some ice here and a plenty of ships. Saw one ship chasing whales they seem to be scarce yet two ships boiling.

Monday 9th Winds from N. East to East foggy part of the time, saw the land, ice, and twenty seven ships two of them boiling, and one ship with her boat down chasing. Nothing we cannot see any bowhead it seems hard. Latitude in 70.50 N.

Tuesday 10th N. East winds good weather no whales to be seen plenty of ships saw two boiling, land in sight and a plenty of ice to the North of us. Latitude in 70.30 North