

Bank. Vabellia Cruising In
Monday May the 16th Day

First part fresh breezes from the northward. Ship under all sail heading to the westward. Saw ice to windward. Middle & last part heading by the wind on different tacks working up towards the ice. Spoke Ship Canisla of New Bedford with two whales this season

Lat 55.22. Long 122.42

Tuesday May the 17th Day

First part light breezes from the northward & pleasant weather. Ship working up to windward towards the ice. Two ships in sight. Middle part the wind changed to the westward. Stead to the northward under all sail. Latter part a large body of field ice in sight. Stead in to the southern edge of it to look for whales. Saw one. Landed to no effect. Saw two ships sailing & saw another ship take a whale

Lat 56.18 Long 122.49

Wednesday May the 18th Day

First part light breezes from S.W. & pleasant weather. Ship backing & filling among the ice. Saw several whales & several several times but could not strike. Saw four ships among the ice all chasing, whales but none of them caught any. Middle part ship lying aback in an open space of the ice. Latter part fine weather. run out of the ice. Saw no whales. Several ships in sight.

At 6 P.M.

Thursday May the 19th

First part light breezes from S.W. & fine weather. Ship among the ice. Saw no whales. Middle & last part the same. Saw no whales nor any opening in the ice to get to the north. Saw several ships far in to the ice all trying to force their way through it. At 9 A.M. being no clue with to the northward kept off to the southward & run out of it into clear water

Lat 56.22 Long 123.12

Friday May the 20th

First part fresh breezes from the westward. Ship off & on to the ice. no whale nor any opening in the ice to the north. all a compact body of field ice. Middle & last part fresh breezes from S.W. with fog. Stead to the westward under double reefed top sails the ice however either broken up or sunk in that direction. Spoke the Broom nothing this season. also spoke the Enterprise with two whales. ends with thick fog

At 6 P.M.

The Chotok Sea May 1853
Saturday May the 21st Day

First part fresh breezes from the northward with snow & fog. Ship under double reefed top sails heading to the eastward. Middle part thick fog & calm. Latter part some foggy. at 7 A.M. took a light breeze from the northward ends with fine weather

Lat 56.57 Long 121.31

Sunday May the 22nd Day

First part fine weather with light breezes from the northward. Ship heading to the westward. at 1 P.M. saw a whale going fast to the westward. Landed to no effect. Landed again at 3 P.M. for the same whale. 22 ships in sight 3 of them sailing. A large body of ice in sight to the westward. Middle & last part heading by the wind on different tacks ends with strong gales from the westward. Ship under easy sail

Lat 56.49 Long 122.22

Monday May the 23rd

First part fresh gales from the westward. Ship under double reefed top sails heading to southward. Many ships in sight. Middle part lying aback. Latter part Stead to the N.E. wind fresh from E.S.E. fell in with a solid barrier of ice. - 17 ships in sight. Lat 57.05 Long 122.44

Tuesday May the 24th

First part fresh breezes from the eastward. Ship heading by the wind on different tacks. the ice in sight to the N.W. Saw a number of ships. Spoke Broom Ships Republic two whales this season. Middle part kept off to the southward. Latter part fresh breezes from the N.E. Stead to the westward under all sail

Lat 56.21 Long 121.15

Wednesday May the 25th Day

First part fresh gales from S.E. Ship heading to S.W. under all sail. at 4 P.M. saw the ice. backed off from it to S.E. spoke the John Coopershall 7 months out clear. Middle & last part fresh gales. Ship on the wind on different tacks working to windward. Several ships in sight but no whales

Lat 56.51 Long 120.00