

Prickabella Cruising In

Thursday May the 20th Day
First part fresh breezes from N.E. Ship heading on different tacks by the wind, making to windward. Saw ice to westward. Middle part stood to the northward under all sail. At day light fell in with another body of ice. Latter part stood in to the ice. lowered all of the boats & went still further in. Saw one whale. Struck him. Both irons down & the whale went off spouting thin blood. Saw several ships one of them cutting.
Lat 57.07. Long 151.33 East

Friday May the 21st
First part fine weather & light breezes from the northward. The boats in among the ice cruising for whales. At 4 P.M. the boats returned it blowing fresh with a thick snow storm from the eastward. Middle part heading to the northward under short sail. Latter part a thick snow storm. Ship under short sail heading to westward. W.B. C.

Saturday May the 22nd
First part fresh gales from S.E. with a snow storm. Ship under short sail heading to S.W. Spoke the Benjamin Tucker. Nothing this person. Middle & last part wind & weather the same. Ship under short sail heading to the northward. W.B. C.

Sunday May the 23rd
First part strong gales from the eastward with much snow. Ship under short sail heading to the northward. Saw a ship heading to the southward. Middle & last part wind & weather the same. Ends clear.
Lat 57.32. Long 150.59 East

Monday May the 30th
First part fresh breezes from the eastward. Ship heading to the northward under double reefed top sails. Saw the ice. Saw several whales. Struck one took the line & went off with it. Middle part lying aback with fog & snow. Latter part fine weather & light breezes from the northward. Saw two whales going fast to the north towards the ice. lowered to no effect. lowered again at 10 A.M.
Lat 57.41. Long 150.59

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Thursday May the 31st Day
First part light airs from the northward & fine weather. Saw one whale going fast towards the ice. lowered to no effect. Several ships in sight spoke the Sarah Sheaf cutting a whale. Middle part lying off & on to the ice under easy sail. Latter part fine weather. went in with the boats among the ice to look for whales. Saw many. at 10 A.M. struck & killed one. the whale did under water a short distance & could not haul him up. returned to the ship with our boats after the other two boats to assist in getting him on top of water. went back again with all of the boats & got the whale up. found that the ice had closed in between the ship & whale. so only all of the boats off trying to get the whale to the ship.
Lat 57.39

Wednesday June the 1st Day
First part fine weather. light airs from N.W. Ship under all sail beating up to windward around a point of the ice in order to get up to the whale. three boats off towing the whale to windward trying to get the whale in to clear water the ice being so compact between the whale & ship to the leeward. Middle part the same. Latter part at day light got the whale along side & heaved on to cut. finished cutting at 12 P.M.
Lat 57.39. Long 150.57 East

Thursday June the 2nd Day
First part fine weather & light breezes from N.W. employed clearing up decks spoke the Columbian of New Brunswick & whales this season. Latter part fine weather stood in to the edge of the ice lowered three boats & went in some distance. Saw plenty of whales. Struck & killed one. towed him to the ship & took him alongside at 11 A.M. got dinner & heaved on to cut.
Lat 57.28. Long 150.57

Friday June the 3rd Day
First part fine weather & calm. employed cutting the whale. finished at 7 P.M. Middle part cleared up deck & commenced to back. Latter part fine weather. sent two boats in to the ice to look for whales. Saw a number but very small. Saw many ships also many boats cruising about among the ice. ends with fine weather & light airs from the northward.
Lat 57.38. Long 151.14 East