

Remarks While Cruising In
Monday May 8th Day

First part light breezes from the westward. Ship under all sail trying to beat through the passage between the islands with both wind and current against us. Two ships in sight. Middle and last part the same. Wind from N.W. to N.E.

Tuesday May 9th

First part light airs from N.W. and fine weather. Ship heading to the northward. Onkotan, Paramosur and the other two small islands all in sight at 4 P.M. calm. Middle part fresh breezes from S.E. course N.W. W. latter part strong gales with a thick snow storm. at 6 P.M. close reefed the top sail and took in the main sail

Wednesday May 10th

First part strong gales from N.E. with a thick snow storm. Ship under short sail heading N.W. Middle and last part strong gales from N.W. W. Ship under short sail heading N.E.

Thursday May 11th

First part strong gales from N.W. Ship under short sail heading to the N.E. At 6 P.M. bore ship to the westward. More moderate but the fore top sail. Middle part the same. latter part light breezes from N.W. and fine weather ship heading N.W. E. under all sail. Much swell from the northward. Ends cloudy

Friday May 12th

First part light airs from N.W. with fine weather. Ship under all sail heading northward. Middle part the wind changed to the S.E. course N.W. E. latter part fresh breezes from E. to N.E. At 11 A.M. saw a right whale. kept off for him but lost sight of him

Saturday May 13th

First part strong breezes from N.W. E. to N.E. Ship heading to the N.W. W. At 1 P.M. double reefed the top sails. Middle part strong gales. At 10 P.M. took in the fore sail and fore top sail and close reefed the main. latter part strong gales from N. Ship under short sail heading N.W. W. by the wind

Lat 54.06. Long 151.54

The Ochotsk Sea May 1854

Sunday May 14th

First part strong gales from the northward with a large swell. Ship under short sail heading to the westward. At 4 P.M. more moderate made some sail and bore ship to the eastward. Middle part light airs from N.W. Ship under all sail heading to the N.E. latter part fresh breezes from N.W. W. course N.

Monday May 15th

First part fresh breezes from N.W. W. course N. Ship under all sail. Middle part fresh breezes from S.E. with a thick snow storm. at 10 P.M. shortened sail and bore to head to westward for fear of falling in with ice. latter part at daylight kept off again N.W. W. and made all sail. Ends with a thick snow storm

Tuesday May 16th

First part wind S.E. with a thick snow storm. at 1 P.M. bore to under short sail head to the N.E. for fear of falling in with ice as last year we saw it here at this time. At 4 P.M. the weather cleared up some. kept off N.W. W. again. Middle part at 10 P.M. came in thick again luffed to the wind. latter part under easy sail being a thick fog heading on different track thick and heavy at 11 A.M. closed up some. kept off again N.W. W.

Wednesday May 17th

First part fresh breezes from N.W. E. with some fog. Ship under double reefed top sails. steering N.W. by W. At 6 P.M. saw 4 ships. At 7 saw scattering pieces of ice. Middle part saw much ice. Ship under easy sail heading off and on. latter part stuck in among it to look for whales. saw one only going fast. Saw 18 ships 3 of them sailing. Ends with fine weather. the boats cruising about among the ice

Thursday May 18th

First part dark cloudy weather with light breezes from the westward. the boats cruising among the ice for whales. At 1 P.M. the boats returned to the ship. saw no whales. At 3 P.M. kept off to the N.E. Middle part fine weather and light breezes from the westward. At 4 P.M. middle part sent two boats to cruise among the ice. saw no whales. kept off to the eastward along the edge of the ice. 22 ships in sight 5 of them sailing

Lat 57.32. Long 151.05