

In the Behoths Sea

1865

Saturday May 20th 65

Begins with a fresh breeze from N by E with quite clear weather ship by the wind N by W with all sail set at 5:30 P.M. Spent Bank Abagail of New Bedford Nye master oil not started middle part slight breeze from N by W with thick fog steep N by E last part a fresh breeze ship with all sail set saw nothing

Lat. by Obs, 54.32.13

Long = Chron 145.05.6

Sunday May 21th

Begins with a fresh wind from S by W with pleasant weather steering N by W with all sail set middle part the same saw some drift ice shortened sail until day light at 4 A.M. set all sail steered to the N by W plenty of scattering ice at 10 A.M. saw Jonas Island bearing 25 miles S by E this day working in the ice and all hands on duty once more

Lat by Obs, 56.12.0

Long = Chron 143.17.6

Monday May 22

Begins with a fresh breeze from N by E ship head dependent waves in drift ice with prudent sail set Jonas Island N by E dist 7 miles middle part rainy ship lying by with short sail last part made sail employed working to the westward in the ice ends this day no whales

Lat by Act 56.35.0

Long - do, 143.30.6

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Tuesday May 23th

Begins with a fine breeze from W ship by the wind N by W working in the ice middle and last part wind from the North ship with prudent sail set working to the W plenty of ice Jonas Island bearing 36 dist about 45 miles saw a ship to the N by W under short sail no observation this day

Wednesday May 24th

Begins much the same weather wind N by E ship head N by E at 1 P.M. saw one Bowhead board three boats without success at 4 P.M. foggy the boats returned on board at 5:30 P.M. saw one board got nothing at 8 on board ship with short sail set turning top sail back last part pleasant saw one whale board struck and the men drove last the whale the ship onward Allen and plenty of ice

Lat by Obs, 58.37.0

Long = Chron 142.15.6

Thursday May 25th

Begins with a fine breeze from N by E and pleasant weather ship working in the ice to get to the westward middle part much the same plenty of drift ice last part fresh breeze and pleasant saw one whale board four boats got nothing the whale going quiet

Lat by Act, 56.45.0

Long - do, 142.00.6