

In the Ochotsk Sea

1865

Thursday June 1st

Begins with a brisk breeze from N.E. with foggy ship steering S.W. with all sail set at 8 P.M. Shortened sail of Cape Sukoy, for plenty off drift ice in there shackled the chains and made ready to anchor. Middle part fresh ship lying back last part a gale from N.E. with foggy and snow ship with doubled reefed main top sail and close reefed fore top sail and different tacks clearing ice. So ends this day very bad weather.

Friday June 2nd

Begins with a strong gale from N.E. with the foggy and snow at 6 P.M. saw the land steering. In came to anchor in five fathoms of water with the port anchor gave the ship 25 fathoms of chain middle part thick snow sharp last part moderate at 8 P.M. took anchor steering out found the ice very solid to the S.W. ship on different tacks to keep off the ice saw no whale nothing in sight but plenty of ice.

Saturday June 3rd

Begins with a moderate breeze from N.E. ship with all sail set on different tacks plenty of ice middle part moderate off and the ice last part wind S.W. with pleasant weather one ship in sight but no whales. Bickelstop and grate shanter in sight. So ends this day all well plenty ice.

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Sunday June 4th

Begins with a moderate breeze from S.W. and pleasant spoke ship Illinois Davis of New Bedford 200 tons leaving home had seen but one palen whale middle and last part light rain from various points with pleasant weather ship with all sail set heading different ways round the ice saw nothing Illinois in company.

Monday June 5th

Begins with light rains from S.W. with fine pleasant weather ship steering to the north with all sail set at 5 P.M. 11 whale heard but nothing middle and last parts light and pleasant ship steering different ways saw nothing but ice and plenty of that the Illinois in company. So ends this day looking hard.

Lat by nat 53° 27' N;

Long. do. 136° 52' E.

Tuesday June 6th

Begins with a brisk breeze from N.E. with even cast weather ship with all sail set working to N.E. middle part strong gale took in light sails last part rain and thick at 8 P.M. Came to anchor at Cape Sukoy in 7 fathoms of water with the port anchor gave the ship 30 fathoms of chain hands employed cutting and hoisting board to the ship. Gunner off duty with 16 bad crew. So ends this day very bad weather.