

Working through the Ice

1866

Thursday May 24th 1866

Begins with light pleasant weather from NE, steering to NW several sails in sight middle and last part the same spoke ship Oregon and ship Rain Bow so ends this day

Lat by obs 56° 34' N
Long Chron 143° 30' E

Friday May 25th

Begins with moderate weather and pleasant from S saw whales toward port nothing spoke Bark Gunbeam middle and last part the same

Lat by obs 56° 56' N
Long Chron 141° 42' E

Saturday May 26th

Begins with moderate breeze and pleasant from NE ship steering to NW middle part the same last part a brisk breeze from N ship by the wind ship Josephine in company plenty ice

Lat by obs 56° 30' N
Long Chron 140° 35' E

Sunday May 27th

Begins with very light weather from NW ship steering different ways round the ice the North Shore in sight dist 40 miles no whales

Lat by obs 56° 40' N
Long Chron 139° 14' E

Monday May 28th

Begins with moderate breeze from NE ship steering SW middle part strong ship by the wind on different tacks last part light from SW ship head along the ice

Lat by obs 56° 12' N
Long Chron 135° 44' E

Tuesday May 29th

Begins with calm and pleasant weather middle and last part the same saw one whale toward no chance land dist 15 miles some ice round

Lat 53° 39' N
Long Chron 138° 2'

Off San Harbour

Wednesday May 30th

Begins with calm weather middle and last part much the same land dist 15 miles some ice in sight at 7 AM started two boats in shore to look for whales and see how the ice was

Thursday May 31st

Begins with fresh breeze from NW and pleasant ship heading different ways middle part calm last part light wind from WSW at 7 AM the two boats came on board had seen nothing ship had 1 with all sail set plenty of ice

Friday June 1st

Begins with fresh breeze from SW and pleasant ship steering round the ice last part sent two boats up the bay to look for whales

Saturday June 2nd

Begins with light pleasant weather from W at 3 PM dropped anchor in 11 fathoms of water gave the ship 30 fathoms of chain with the Starboard anchor at 7 PM the boats returned at 7 AM the two boats off up the bay again the other employed at various jobs about ship

Sunday June 3rd

Begins with pleasant weather the boats not returned but found the head of the bay clear of ice but no whales round

Monday June 4th

Begins with fine pleasant weather the boats not yet returned middle and last part the same hands on board employed at various jobs about ship not much ice in sight and no whales so ends this day