

Ship Daniel Wood in Ochotsk Sea. Ice Bound. 1854
Wednesday May 10.

W. A. 7 made sail. 9 double reefed. fished 8 Main's
13 close reefed. fished 70 sail.

Thursday 11

Commenced with strong W winds and clear
weather, laying aback under close reefed Topsails. 4 moderate
The Bark in sight to leeward, Cape Suvorov bearing NW. 1/2 W. 1/2 N.
distant 15 miles. Ice in all directions. Middle, laying
aback on diff tacks. A.M. daylight, made sail and went
to W. 1/2 S. a few miles, but at 10 brought up again, and
hailed on the wind.

Sat 4.5.23

Friday 12.

Commenced with fresh S winds and clear
pleasant weather, working to windward on diff
tacks. 2 spoke the Bark. Had a Cam. 1 took in sail.
working to windward on diff tacks. A.M. running off
and along the ice. 9 hauled our wind. On diff tacks
from ice to ice.

Saturday 13.

Commenced with light E winds and rainy
weather, working to windward on diff tacks. 5 took in
sail. spoke the Bark. Middle fresh, our hands full, keep-
ing the ship clear of ice, which we could not do. A.M. the
wind increasing, and a thick snow storm rendered
our situation rather unpleasant, besides endangering
the ship as we were obliged frequently to wear ship, and
run off, and it was only by the most vigilant cor-
rections that we were enabled to keep her clear. At 11 the
wind blew a gale from the NW. 1/2 W. with heavy squalls
and a thick snow storm. The ice is in finks from
pieces as large as the ship to small ice. In wearing
at one time came very near running into some
large ice, which would without doubt made a
shorter ship of us, but a miss is as good as a mile

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Sunday May 14.

Commenced with strong winds and
a thick snow storm from NW. 1/2 W. working to wind-
ward under close reefed Topsails. 2 it cleared up.
raised the land to W. 12 miles distant. raised a
long floe of ice bearing from NW. 1/2 W. at the land to E.
and the ice which we had been in, were pieces.
breaking adrift from it. 4 got into clear water, the
floe in sight. The Bark on the lee quarter 4 miles
distant. Moderated a little. set F. Spencer and
one reef out of the No. 10 sail. The Barometer from
29. to 29.5. Middle calm. A.M. fine breeze and clear
weather from NW. 1/2 W. of the wind to S.W. 1/2 W. all sail set. 7
set a sail to windward. 8 spoke the French Ship
George of Kora, who came through the Straits this morn-
ing. stood along clear of the ice, and had a general
gun. hauled forward, took in the Top Gallant's 8th ft.

Sat 4.5.50

HUMP BACKS

Monday 15

Commenced with fine W winds and pleas-
ant weather. by the wind to S. 1/2 E. in company
with the Bark and Ship. Saw ice from NW. 1/2 E. to S. 1/2 E.
8 tacked ship, and double reefed. hauled Main's
wind from S. 1/2 E. middle calm with squalls. 3 wore
ship again, to S.W. 4 raised a floe of ice spoke the 3 ships
8 kept off and run down the floe. to S. 1/2 E. 11 came to an-
other running E. and W. On the wind to E.

Sat 4.5.13 Son 14.5.15

Tuesday 16

Commenced with light S winds and fine wea-
ther. by the wind to E. A beautiful Mirage shows the
ice in curious and fantastic images. Land in
sight to S. the W coast Kamashir. The ship in sight
astern. There is a diff of 20 degrees in the air on deck
and aloft. the first standing at 40 and the other at
60 degrees. Grampuses. All sail set.