

Ship Daniel Wood in Ochotsk Sea, bound North 1854.

Tuesday May 24

A.M. Commenced with thick foggy weather and fresh breezes from N. by the wind on diff. Tacks. The rigging creased with ice & the wind moderate and weather clear.

Lat 49.48 N.

Thursday 25

Commenced with fine breezes and pleasant weather from N.W. by the wind to N.N.W. I saw some small ice. I wore ship and hauled the mainsail. middle thick foggy weather, and light winds. A.M. 4 wore ship heaving N by E made all sail.

Friday 26

Commenced with fine breezes and thick foggy weather from N. by the wind to N.N.W. all sail set. Employed knocking the ice off the rigging. I broke out the fore hole for water. I saw a large Fin Back. A.M. Fine clear weather, wind S.W. daylight raised the Geys on the beam 5 miles off. employed making the Blubber room larger. saw a Fin Back.

Lat 52.00 Lon 148.52

Saturday 27

Commenced with fine S.W. winds and clear, pleasant weather, course N. all sail set. employed moving Tank to make a scuttle. The Georges on the quarter hull down. A.M. broke out the after hole for meat. The Georges in sight.

Lat 54.15 Lon 148.39

Sunday 28

Commenced with fine clear weather and light winds from S.W. course N. saw Grampuses. The S in sight. Middle. light variable winds and calm. A.M. fine clear weather, wind from W. by to N.N.W. all sail set.

Lat 55.18 Lon 146.44

Ship Daniel Wood in Ochotsk Sea, Cruising 1854

Monday May 29

Commenced with fine W winds and fine, clear, beautiful weather, by the wind to N.N.W. all sail set. saw Grampuses and Fin Backs. This May Day.

Oh, for New England's May Day

Where I could cull the Yewes,

And listen to the Nightingale

At eve among the bowers.

A.M. wind S.W. by to N.N.W. at 5 raised a sail, I spoke the Chs Phelps of Stor. She reports ice from Kam. scatter shore. clear across the sea. had seen some 3 or 3 hundred ships along the ice. had got one whale. I raised the ice all along to N of us. 13 spoke the Masters of Mystic. one whale this season.

Lat 56.36 Lon 144.15

Tuesday 30

Commenced with fine clear weather and fresh breezes from S.S.W. steering by the wind on diff. Tacks. at 1 saw St John's Island. 3 ships in sight. A.M. fresh by the wind on diff. Tacks among ice. 30 ships in sight. 13 saw a BOWHEAD.

Wednesday 31

Lowered the Boats and the Starboard Boat immediately struck. I got him alongside, when the Back Chiles Boats came up and claimed him. He there was a line, and 2 Irons in him, which they recognized the whale by law belonged to them, but we compromised and took his Head and a short piece, commenced cutting. at 11 P.M. let him go, cleaned the head &c &c &c. & commenced Boiling. saw 2 ships cutting. Ships

Thursday June 1

Light winds and clear weather, among ice I raised a Bowhead lowerd for him but saw him no more, although a number of boats were after him. Boiling &c &c. Watch and Watch.