

Ship Daniel Wood off St Johns Island 54. Cruising.
Thursday June 1.

Went on board the clipper ship King Fisher, Palmer. 3 whales this season. got a letter from her. 30.11. 5 a thick fog came on. laying aback. A.M. do. do. Boiling.

Friday 2.

Foggy. Boiling. at 2 spoke the Sam Robinson. Thatched 4 whales this season. several ships in sight. some Boiling. 8 P.M. finished boiling. and cleared up. A.M. heavy rain. 7 commenced stowing down. 12 finished stowing 9 barrels on larboard side Main Hatch. forward.

Saturday 3

Thick weather and fresh breeze from N. by the wind on diff tacks under double reef. slowing off the rotation room. several ships in sight 4 Boiling. A.M. at 4 lowered for whales but could not get on. Saw a ship strike. 8 came aboard. Foggy. 9 lowered again without success.

Sunday 4

Strong breeze and misty weather from N under double reef. 2 lowered for a whale but saw him no more. There are but few whales here and they are harassed by a great many ships so that it is hardly possible to strike one. 6 passed the Massachusetts of N.B. cutting. several ships in sight. some boiling. saw ice to the N. A.M. fresh and a heavy swell. saw some Bowheads. one rising. at least they might have been Bowheads. or else optical delusions.

Lat 56.00 Lon 142.00

Monday 5

Fine weather 2 spoke the Bark Alice Fisher 2 whales. 3 lowered for some ghosts, with the usual luck. A.M. light winds from S. whaling from 4 till 12. 10 the waist boat struck and drewed. 13 ships in sight. 4 Boiling.

Ship Daniel Wood, Ice Whaling 1854.
Tuesday June 6

Commenced with light winds and fine weather. went into the ice with the boats. at 4 the bow boat struck. the whale ran into the thick heavy ice. where the boats could not reach him. We carried off nearly 750 fathoms of line. saw several whales in the ice, but they will stay there as long as they please. broke out Trawl and coiled lines for the Larboard and Bow Boats. 7 ships close to us laying aback. A.M. fresh with a thick fog. spoke the Mervin Simon 9 whales. Bumping.

Wednesday 7

Light winds and foggy weather, running along the ice. 30 ships in sight. Most of them boiling. spoke the Vigilant 1 whale. the Edgar 2 whales. Thick fog. under short sail. A.M. clear. lowered 2 boats at 4. the Bow Boat struck got him alongside and began to cut. at 8. 12 finished cutting. cleared the head. and started the works. spoke the Sarah Sheaf. Wall 2 whales. 15 ships in sight.

Thursday 8 A.M. calm. and a thick fog Boiling
Friday 9

Calm foggy weather. Boiling. A.M. 38 ships in sight 12 Boiling. Ice. A.M. Clear & lowered 3 boats for whales. 10 the Waist Boat struck. 11 finished Boiling 80 bbls oil. 12 got him alongside.

Sat 10.

Cutting. 4 finished. broke out the fore hole for floor board and water. cleared the head &c. 5 started the works 8 ships cutting. 12 Boiling 30 in sight. A.M. light winds. Boiling saw a whale in the ice. lowered but saw him no more. 44 ships in sight and no whales.

Lat 55.47 N

Lon 141.42 E