

Ship Daniel Wood in Ochotsk Sea Ice Whaling "54.
Saturday June 24.

Fine breeze from S.W. by the wind
to N. Saw 2 ships cutting and boiling. 12 in sight.
Saw the Rainier. Jond Island in sight. A.M. light
winds by on stiff tacks, working up to the ice.
Saw a wounded whale. but it came on thick and
we lost sight of him. Foggy.

Sunday 25

Foggy. at 4 P.M. it cleared up. 16 ships in
sight. O. J. a S. a. A.M. calm. stowed 50 Hls oil
in the after hold, forward. 10 ships in sight & boiling.
setting up shoals. Muzzle Diggers. by the hundred.

Monday 26

Superfine clear weather in the ice. 7 ships.
A.M. light winds 9 ships in sight. set the Main sail.

Tuesday 27

Fine clear weather by the wind on stiff tacks.
Muzzle diggers. Spoke the Florida, Little 1 Stinker.
Cape Elizabeth and ice in sight. A.M. fine weather
and fresh W winds, working up to ice on stiff tacks, under
double reef.

Wednesday 28

Fine clear weather, and fine breeze from
S.E. course N. & spoke the Bark Heron. Hempstead 7
whales and one Muzzle digger. A.M. foggy. laying aback
got soundings in 50 fathoms water.

Thursday 29

Calm. laying in a fog. A.M. do do. 60 Fathoms.

Friday July 30

Calm and foggy. gambling with the ice.
Saw 9 Nantucket 5 whales and the Warren. Saturday 5 whales.
A.M. do do Foggy.

Sat. 1.

Foggy as usual. spoke the Sealine Girl, Pomory
5 whales. A.M. foggy calm calm.

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Sunday July 2

Calm. foggy weather. 8 P.M. it cleared up
saw Land and ice. daylight kept off and ran through
the ice to N.W. 20 ships in sight. Foggy again by evening.

Monday 3

Foggy and clear. 35 ships in sight Land and
ice. spoke the Shawanoe. Ryan. 6 whales. Cornington. 4 whales.
Petrel. Tucker 3 whales. A.M. Foggy.

Tuesday 4

Foggy. This morning our usually quiet place
was the scene of uproar and confusion. in welcoming
the 4th and the warring of ice, the resplendent thunder
of the cannon, the cracking of muskets, and pistols,
together with a variety of fish horns, the beautiful
prospect (the fog being so thick you could scarcely
see the ends of your eyebrows without looking) were
enough to convince any sensible Paddy. That Fourth
of July was as good a man as St. Patrick. Spoke
the Sarah Shaf. 4 whales. Boat Pig and Minnie Pe.
Wednesday 5.

Calm light weather. Ice and Land in
sight. spoke the Canada Ward. 3 whales. Brig Cadogan
and Cornington. celebrating the 4th.

A.M. foggy and calm. laying aback.

Thursday 6. foggy picked up a tree.

Friday 7. Light variable winds. Ice and Land in
sight. 3 ships. Shantee Isles bearing N. & we were
cheered with the sight of a Bow Head. calm. but we
lowered and chased 5 miles. & came aboard. Fine S
winds working up on stiff tacks. 27 ships in sight. 3.
Boiling.

Friday 7. Light winds. lowered for Bow Heads but could
not see them but one rising. 10 P.M. it being nearly calm
and the tide setting us to leeward, came to an
anchor in 25 Fathoms. 4 A.M. 2 boats went into
the ice. & came aboard. got under weigh. spoke the
Srin Queen 1 whale. Larkie Moser.
10 ships & Boiling.