

Journal of a Cruise in the Arctic

Monday July 9th 1855

first part fresh breeze from N. to N.W. clear weather, at 4 P.M. stood in towards the land. Run through the ice about 10 miles, and anchored in 9 fms water, about 2 miles from shore. 8 ships anchored about the same time. The ship Washington of Sag Harbor, got stuck in running through the ice, they succeeded however in running her out, the tide being very strong, brought the heavy ice against the ship with great force. At 3 A.M. hove up the anchor, and drifted with the ice, all the other ships did the same. One of them lost an anchor, and one Breckinridge. latter part saw several Whales. toward two boats without success. The Washington was sold at Auction for \$1000.

Tuesday July 10th

A.M. wind from N. to E. thick and foggy. Heaved off shore under small sail. A.M. calm latter part foggy. Heaved off. Ship among heavy ice. the whole day, heard a great many Whales. During the night, at noon the head bearing N.W. dist 15 miles. H. Berry, 1 Yachman.

Wednesday July 11th

all the 24 hours light southerly wind and calm clear and fine weather. Ship drifting with the ice. P.M. 5 of the ship Washington crew came on board to remain during the season. A.M. saw considerable many Whales. Boats in Pursuit but did not strike.

Thursday July 12th
all the 24 hours light air and calm, clear and fine weather. Ship drifting with the ice. Boats in Pursuit of Whales without success. saw considerable many Whales.

Friday July 13th

first part fair weather, all the boats off whaling. A.M. light air from S.W. thick fog. P.M. Mr. Pratt second mate of ship Washington came on board to go the cruise.

Saturday July 14th

most part foggy weather variable wind and calm. Middle part thunder and lightning. Ship drifting among the ice. Boats off after Whales. saw considerable many Whales.

Sunday July 15th

most part of the 24 hours variable winds and calm part of the time foggy. P.M. Boats after Whales. Ship drifting with the tide. A.M. saw a few Whales. Mr. Pratt and Boats crew went on board the Montpelier.

Sunday July 15th Monday July 16

all the 24 hours moderate variable wind and calm most part foggy weather. Ship drifting with the tide among heavy ice. A.M. 2 Boats cruising for Whales. 4 of the ship Washington crew came on board to remain the cruise. Mr. Pratt went on board the Montpelier to head Captains Boat.

Tuesday July 17th

light variable winds and calm. most part foggy. Boats cruising for Whales without success. Ship drifting with the ice. so ends.