

Barque Midas of New Bedford Mass

Wednesday May 4th 1859 Remarks on board Midas
 This day comes in fine weather ship laying about
 Most of the time under the lee of the ice in company
 with the ship Minerva capt Crannel. Mid part
 Laying about first on one tack then the other under
 The lee of the ice, light winds and a small sprinkling
 of snow. The weather not so cold as usual. In examining
 the bows of the ship I find the copper gone some six
 Or eight sheets on the larboard bow mid part. Light
 thinks latter part much the same made all sail
 At 7.30 am took in sail to double reef topsails saw one
 sail supposed to be the ship James

Thursday May 5th 1859 Remarks Midas

Lat 54.16 This day comes in fine weather ship laying about under
 The lee of the ice ship Minerva in company ship James
 Near by capt Latham saw several mid part
 fine latter part much the same three ships in sight
 The Minerva cleared to the north in the ice we did not
 go in so ends the day on board the Midas
Long 151.20

Friday May 6th 1859 Remarks Midas

Lat 54.55 This day comes in thick cloudy weather the Milton
 In company and the James wind South ships
 Laying about around near the ice saw nothing
 Mid part much the same latter part victa-poo-mana
 Milton near by James near by also plenty of ice around
 Most of the clear water is to the northwest of us
 This is the dullest time I ever saw in all my whaling
 See nothing but ice snow hail rain and one or 2
 Old ships rocking around they look like an old
 Blasted whale the blackskin all of or mostly

Cruising in Arctic Sea J. R. Tallman Master 1859

Friday May 7th 1859 Remarks on board the Midas
Lat 54.30

This day comes in thick snow storm from S.E. Ship
 under short sail backing and filling around the ice
 Making all sorts of courses Mid part much the same
 Latter part thick cloudy weather Milton and James
 In company all three ships laying around in a small
 spot of clear water the ice drifting from the north
 To the S.W. say past saw one sail to the northward
 Of us supposed to be the ship Minerva at 7 pm
 The ice nearly closed in upon us so much obliged
 to run to the south for clear water so ends

Saturday May 8th 1859 Remarks Midas

Lat 54.20 This day comes in stormy snow dark cloudy weather
 Under short sail backing and filling around the ice
 By 11 opened in in a small spot of clear water all
 clear in the south and west S.W. Mid part
 thick snow storm latter part much the same
 The afore said ships in sight in company close reef the
 topsails still backing and filling around the ice
 Keeping the ship in clear water as much as
 possible in company with the Milton and James
 So ends this day on board of the Midas of N.B.

Sunday May 9th 1859 Remarks on board Midas

Lat 54.26 This day comes in with a thick snow storm
 Ship under short sail backing and filling around
 In the ice or near it in all shapes. The afore
 ships in sight Mid part rather clear latter
 part light winds and snowing very fine becomes
 down very low a heavy swell coming from S.E.
 Worked ship out of the ice in to a spot of clear
 water so ends the day two sails nearly m. and f.