

Barque Midas of New Bedford Mass

Lat 56° 22' Tuesday May 10th 1859 Remarks on board Midas
by Ols

This day comes in thick fog and snow made all sail
At 7 p.m. came up to ice again lay to for the night
Mid part more clear latter part fine steam ships in to the
ice to the north so ends the day on board Midas

Made a fender of the mainmast yard cut in to in center
Long 153° 15' Put on a fluke chain put it over the bows to keep off the
by Ols - - ice and it keeps it off some it prevents the ice striking
considerable but our copper is very badly torn up on both bows

Wednesday May 11th 1859 Remarks Midas

Lat 54° 40' This day comes in fine ship making the best of her
Way through the ice to the northward at 7 p.m. ship
hemmed in on all sides under close reef topsails making
very slow headway ship fanned nearly mid part

Long 153° 00' Entirely blocked up in the ice latter part fine and
Pleasant made all sail made some little headway
Through the ice found some few small clear spots to run
through. I myself employed in shooting seals through
the day ship fanned nearly by so ends the day Midas

Course Thursday May 12th 1859 Remarks Midas

Lat 54° 46' This day comes in fine pleasant weather all sail on
Pushing a large body of ice along making slow headway
Ship fanned nearly mid part moderate latter part the
same made all sail ship being in quite clear water
Trying to work ship to the northward fanned in edge
so ends the day

Long 153° 25'

Cruising in Sherots Sea J. R. Tallman. Master 1859

Lat 55° 15' Friday May 13th 1859 Remarks Midas

This day comes in fine winds from S.W. ship in
Clear water all sail set working to the northward fanned
In company mid part lighter winds and variables.

Latter part fine fresh breezes from the southward
Steved S.W. no ice in sight at 9 a.m. came to large
patches of ice and large setting pieces of ice cut and
Long 153° 00' Sheared around amongst them making about a north
Course. Ship fanned in company so ends this day

Lat 56° 15' Saturday May 14th 1859 Remarks Midas

This day comes in thick snow and stormy winds
From the South. Steaming ship S. under double reef
Topsails dropping the ice & long making nearly a north
Course fanned close to our stern following along after
At 6 p.m. close reef the topsails left to by the wind
Heading to the eastward it snowing and blowing

Long 153° 00' A moderate gale mid part laying to under short sail
Drifting through patches of ice latter part more moderate
made sail kept ship S.W. at 9 a.m. wind came out
to the North. Saw but little ice so ends saw plenty of game

Sunday May 15th 1859 Remarks Midas

Lat 56° 30' This day comes in with fresh breezes from the north
Ship heading to the eastward under easy sail thick
Most of the time saw but a very little ice since morning
now 8 o'clock. saw a plenty of game and a plenty of
Dr. Birds saw one sail just at night heading to the S.W.

Long 153° 10' Under easy sail mid part moderate and variable
Latter part moderate and thick fog. saw one sail
Supposed to be the ship fanned so ends the day Midas