

1883

Arctic Ocean
(Hills Manual)

(Plover Bay)

June 12th 1883.

This day reached Plover Bay, one of the first Sailing Ships of the Season. Came through the ice nearly the whole distance from 125 miles S. of Cape Navarin, to Plover Bay. Native report Steamers passed two weeks ago. Clear. Natives have seen no whales.

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June 15th

This day passed "Discarded Islands" in company with C. & S. S. S. & Steamer Ballena. She has broken her Propeller, we are the first Sailing Ship to enter.

June 18th

off Point Hope
Saw quite a number of Walrus got 44
Lot 68.

June 24th

The past week have been running around, cannot get within 35 miles of Pt. Hope. Ship Walrusing, Walrus seen & milk, much fog, ship decked all last.

July 18.

Sailed from Point Hope.

July 26th anchored at Point Belcher, in company with 6 Steamers & B. Billow, strong winds from N.E. John H. and land abandoned at Point Hope.
July 16th 1883.

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July 31. Same 22, sail at anchor at Point Belcher, at 8 A.M. got underway in company with same 18. Other, & worked N.E. Ground ice on the land E. of Point Belcher not a whale been seen in the Ocean up to this time.

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Aug 4th

Anchored at Point Barrow with 7 Steamers & 5. Cran bills. Abundance of ice. no whales.
4. knot Current, S.W. wind N.E. Strong.

August 20th 1883.

At anchor under Point Barrow, in company with 22 other ships. wind N.E. blowing a gale. Snow storm. Steamers have been E. to Return reef. Saw no whales.



Aug 25.

Nearly the whole fleet got underway at Point Barrow & worked E. 15 miles E. of Point. Saw a few whales, first of the season. took 1 by S. B. Boet. anchored & cut in. wind S.E. running. No other whale taken. Small class whales. It is more than 10 months since we lowered cut boots before today.

Sept 4th 1883.

All the Sailing Ships excepting Josephine left Point Barrow. The ice then near the land to Cape Belcher. No whales had been seen for the past 5 days. Anna, Bowhead. Came south to Point Belcher & returned again next day. there has been 8 whales taken at the Point up to this date. & some elsewhere. Bad weather.