

Arctic Ocean

1883

Sept 21st



Took a whale along side at 8 P.M. blowing strong from N.E. in wearing round to cut in, parted fluke chain, found the whale again, & got him along side & fluked at 12 M. now blowing strong, at 5 A.M. on the 22nd hooked on & tried to cut in, but could do nothing it was so rugged, let him lay along side ship on P. Tack under short sail.

Took a whale on the 19th.

Lat 71:10 Long 172:30 M. out clear of the ice

(Diamonds)

Oct 14th 1883

At 3:15 P.M. ship off E. Cape, Canoe along side. A tin of 15th passed St Lawrence island, wind hauled S. & stormy, Oct 17th picked up a dead R. whale, small affair, cut in, also saw 2 R. whales, 18, wind again S. stormy, bar 28.90, boiling, extremely bad weather.

Lat 62-10 Long 172:00

(Hot Islands)

Oct 28th 1883

Passed out through 72. passage, to island. Had much S. & S.E. wind, & stormy, also two Westly gales, & take all together most stormable weather.

Nov 1

Heavy gale from South hauling to S.W. & W. Home too on P. Tack, in topsail in, at 3 A.M. heavy sea struck on P. quarter, knocking in a few weak boards, at 8.1 M. kept away E. under same topsails, & fassail, at 9. shipped a heavy sea over the stern, staving gally, & taking away S. boat, with 1. davit. Home to again.

Arctic Cruise 1884.

Make the ice

Left H. Ancluta March 13th, Made the ice April 10th, 200. miles S. of Navarin.

May 11th

Raised the ice Apr 13th 180, miles South of Cape Navarin. Remained in this vicinity until May 1st, then went (East about) around the ice to the S. and up the E. Shore. ice made S. about one half the dist between St Matthews & St Paul islands. from 30. to 40. miles clear water on the East shore up to Sledge Island. where the Sts were blocked, May 11. within 25. mile of N.E. End of St Lawrence Is. ice in large pieces miles around, some holes and leads, but could not get to land. (Sts blocked) In Cam with. Bk's, Rainbow, Ohio, Ancluta, Young Phoenix & Josephine.

May 16th

Have been within 15. miles of N. Cape St. Lawrence Is. twice, but returned E. again on acct of packed, or solid ice. but this day found ice much open, and made good way West, at 9 P.M. Cleared in to S.E. Cape May 17th off West End of Island, saw 3. B. H. & cods Rainbow took one. May 18. blowing a B. gale from N.E. Saw several whales, took one early in morning. Shrewsbury took one, Cold, Saw quite a number of Walrus on E. edge of ice, about of St Lawrence Island, took 60 10 miles from land.

May 24

Out in middle of Straits between St Lawrence, & Indian Point, saw whales passing more or less the past 3 days. Clear water. Took 1. this day. Rainbow had 4. June 3. have seen whales nearly every day since May 17th. Whales going quick up the Straits, have taken but 2. Have seen many whales.