

Remarks On Board Ship Vermilion

Tuesday 14 May 1855

First part fresh breeze from the S.E. steering N.W. at 6 A.M. saw four ships at 8. spoke the Three Brothers of Southwick N. Mont. with whole nothing this season saw the Lancaster of New Bedford with Penn. nothing this season one Greenock ship one whole this season one other ship saw the ice mid part strong breeze latter part gale and snowing hard landed two ships in site

Wednesday 15th

First part fresh gale from the E. with ice and thick snow storm ship under clearest top sail fore-dail field mid to latter part fresh gale from the North and snow ship on different tracks ship

Thursday 16th

First part fresh gale from the North and some snow ship under clearest reefs mid fresh gale and snow latter part more moderate heading to the Westward at 11 A.M. saw the land of Cape Elizabeth & land

Lat 54. 04
Long 144. 15

Friday 17th Saturday 18th

First breeze from the N.W. and fine weather heading N ship with all sail out 4 ships in site and the land about 35 miles off mid to latter part gentle breeze from the South and fine weather 20 ships in site saw the ice to land.

Lat 55. 20 N

Sunday 19th

First part gentle breeze and fine weather at 8 A.M. saw a Bowhead strike him and lost a line latter saw and chased several Bowheads could not get fast saw two ships got a whole & ship

of Ship Mary Ann and Mfs

Saturday May 19th 1855

First part light breeze and fine weather saw and chased several whales latter Great Breeze and rigger saw several whales going quick to land with the ice

Lat 55. 58
Long 143. 07

Sunday 20th

First part fresh gale from the S. and thick fog on different tracks plenty of ship in site spoke the ship Gadwall of Fairhaven 1 whole this season latter moderate and thick snow storm saw the ice more ship to land

Monday 21st

First light airs and thick fog got in to the ice wore ship and got out again mid thick latter clear at 10 A.M. came in thick saw the Three Brothers got a whole & ship clear to the ice

Tuesday 22nd

First part thick fog spoke the ship Monticall of Nantucket 3 whole this season and James Wood of do 5 whole latter thick fog to land ship in the ice

Wednesday 23rd

First part light airs and thick fog ship laying aback latter part light breeze and fine weather ship running in the ice at 4 P.M. started for two Bowheads struck one and he took the line he came up in the ice did not see him come on board at 8 saw the ship Abigail of New Bedford after a whole saw it was a fast whale sent the boats but the Abigail's boats struck and killed the whale found it was over they did not like to give the whale up so we divided it