

1866

Ship set sail in better gale

Saturday 16th June

16th Fine wind S W running along the ice to the N at 7 went on board the Boat's Middle part Most lying aback latter part S W gales at S W. Run off to Ponas Island Luffed to the S

Sunday 17th

17th Strong gales from the S W. heading S E all sail set poor pass 1 month ago to day yet since I got a whale sailed to the W latter part fine sent Boat into the ice spoke for Tramp. 7 whales come on board

Monday 18th

18th Light winds from the S W Kept on S W run around the ice to the North of Ponas I picked up 3 oil casks. Middle part strong gales at E latter part light air from the S W

Tuesday 19th Lat 47° 05' Long 143° 15'

19th Fine beautiful day nothing in sight but 2 or 3 ships. Saw a carcass. Likewise Ponas Island 1 month ago I thought I should do something but the prospect looks dark at present

Wednesday 23rd July 1866

23rd We have 4 days of delightful weather I have seen nothing I don't know what

Ship set sail. Lying at anchor off ^{Eden} Roon

Sunday 29th July 1866

29th Came on board have been absent 24 hours from the ship. Dragg'd off. Oh god have compassion on me. I beseech my poor efforts to obtain a living. If I can be fortunate enough to get some oil, I shall be truly thankful. Mercies to come here again. Misery Misery

August 12th

Lying at anchor. on the ocean, I have just stored a small dead whale. so Bles. A thick fog & blowing strong for the past week a dense fog all the time doing nothing & worse. What will become of me I know not. I god, I trust, he has always prospered me. Though late yet his blessing will surely come. Watch untill dawn I see the brightness of the morning. Care & anxiety are fast undermining my health. Oh it is terrible to think about lying about doing nothing worrying & pining. Misery unutterable another season would kill me. god be merciful

15th Aug

Lying at the same place, dark & gloomy. Ship lying close to me. I have no business to be here. Had I gone to Foulke Gulf as I had ought to have done I should have got as much oil as the rest of the ship.