

Ship Sparrow. Arctic Ocean

at 10 AM. had the ship had a side of a cake of ice. all hands employed in getting water. proceeded about 20 bars (by judge) and at 2 PM. let go of the ice. made all sail. working to the north & westward. at 6 PM. had a general alarm. mistaking them for ice. at 10 PM. saw large gunnicks of the west. right side in sight. Lat 69.40

Jan 29th. The day commenced with a light breeze and continued so until 4 PM. and then a strong wind sprang up. making a perfect wall of ice for the fore & main yards. at 4 PM. put in 22 sail in sight. at 4 PM. so ended this day. a calm. to day we riged a rider to the Starboard. the weather here is very bad. the sky being overcast with clouds. most of the day. have no recollection of seeing the sun or moon clear since the 14th of this month.

Jan 30th. The day commenced with fine weather. and a light breeze standing in shore. at 4 AM. cleared away these boats. and went on shore. after dark. and also to see if we could find any whalers. at 6 PM. the ship came to anchor. about three miles from shore in 6 fathoms. of water. at 7 PM. the topsails sprang. about four PM. the Sparrow was hoisted with the presence of Mrs Capt. M. H. Baker. I believe that they took some sea on board. middle and latter part thick fog. at 4 PM. clude down the topsails. at 1 PM. broke out a cake of ice. latter part strong breeze.

Jan 31st

Nov August. The day commenced with a light breeze. at 4 AM. hoisted up anchor. standing to the eastward wind. nearly north. at 7 AM. took the bark Martha of N. B. at 10 AM. commenced to have a gun. and then we had a general alarm. with the Fables. Montcalm. George & Susan. and Dr. M. H. Baker. at 4 PM. thick fog. brought the ship to anchor. in about 15 fms. of water. got the gun. and fired for over 1000 rounds. until the ship came up and anchored. at 10 PM. the ship anchoring within a cable length of each other. at 1 PM. Mrs Baker came on board. for ship. and stay until 4 PM. at 1 PM. sent the boat in shore to load. but found taking.

Jan 2nd. The day commenced with a light breeze. at 2 PM. called all hands to get short. but it came in thick. and so we lay until 4 PM. at 4 PM. then hoisted up anchor. in company with the other ship. at 10 PM. sent the boat in shore. about 4 PM. the ship came to anchor. in about 6 fms. of water. standing between through the light. and the day commenced with a light breeze. at 4 PM. hoisted the topsails. made the topsails hand on the starboard tack and the topsails on the starboard tack. in order to get her off. as to go to the station of the ship. Montcalm. Capt. Scott. but after hearing nearly lost. we were leaving. in order to let the ship under way. as she was leaving up at the time our topsails took a wrap full the side of the ship. making a road to Montcalm's bow (taking anchor with her) and as she continued to pass we commenced to have difficulties. the ship at the same time. and spread the after yards. in fact we found that we could not get off enough in order to go down of the Montcalm. and to take in order to go to the windward of her we eased of the ship. and let the anchor down again.