

Wed day May 25 1858

Strong breeze and cloudy cold weather from N.W. & ship under top sail and courses working to the north in an opening in the ice, at 1 P.M. took in sail to double reef top sails and gained with the Siberia, at 8 snow storm, Middle part strong breeze and clear, latter part fresh gale and clear, if it was not for the ice it would seem very pleasant had to wear ship very often to try to keep clear of the ice, I am awful afraid of ice, and if I am spared to get clear of this, you won't hear me here again, I have not taken any comfort since we have been here, and I see no hopes at all of the ice leaving, and I call the weather cold, hope for the best.  
Latitude 60° 11' N. W. 11' E.

Wednesday May 26

Strong breeze and clear weather from N.W. ship under three last reefs & sails, working about a hole in the ice and the place seems to grow smaller, at 3 P.M. moderate and pleasant let one reef out of the T. sail, when will this ice go away, Middle and latter parts pleasant weather and quite warm, at 6 P.M. let the reef out of the top sail, and started working among the ice, now I hope they are satisfied got into the ice again, and then putting the ship around amongst the ice they started her to leeward, let me get clear of this, some of the ice has all decayed, and night along side that piece, will be heavy ice, and it does not look as though it would ever go away.  
Latitude 60° 17' N. W. 17' E.  
Longitude 177° 11' E.

Thursday May 27 1858

Moderate breeze and clear weather from N.W. ship under easy sail staying weather, though the ice the Siberia, and the ship in sight at 3 P.M. got as far as the ice would let us, lay too and gained with the Siberia, I wish that I felt half as easy as the Capt's seem to feel, Middle and latter parts pleasant weather ship under easy sail working among the ice looking for whales, they had been at pleasure warm days or few such days this ice must melt.  
Latitude 60° 13' N. W. 13' E.

Friday May 28

Light air and clear weather from N.W. ship drifting round amongst the ice, the Siberia and back in sight, Middle and latter parts good weather wind from Eastward all sail set heading weather, ice thick and heavy cakes and we keep working weather, I can't find out what they are trying to do, we get into light ice with clear places of water, that does not suit no whales, I get into heavy ice no whales, knock the ship make her leak, and I know not how we shall come out, Ah let me get clear of this, and so if they will get me again amongst the ice neither would they now if I had known about it the amount of it is I am afraid, I think I have lost as much as 10 lbs flesh, since we have been about this in this ice, fretting and worrying.  
Latitude 60° 15' N. W. 15' E.