

Saturday May 27th 1858

Light wind from Eastward and some swell from South, all sail set heading Northward, ice all around, heavy pieces and some of it there will be about one ship's length of water between the cakes, the worst ice at 3 P.M. was ship and headed Southward, the Siberian and one other sail in sight.

Middle and latter part good weather got into a clear spot and steamed off at 4 P.M. the Siberian, and one other sail in sight, thus ends.

Latitude 60° 31' North,

Sunday May 30th

Moderate breeze and cloudy from E & E. ship in a clear spot, but much ice in sight at 4 P.M. in the edge of the ice, saw a low head lowered the boats struck and got one got him to the ship at 11 P.M. got ready and began to cut finished at 5.30, gam'd with the Siberian and Gaffan, pretty fog last night, frost made on your whiskers, much ice about.

Latitude 60° 39' North,

Monday May 31st

Moderate breeze from S.W. employed backing considerable ice in sight at 3 P.M. saw a low head and rising, the Siberian in sight also the Gaffan, Middle part some fog, Latter part clear day a black most of the time saw a big cutting, the watch employed sailing thus ends.

Latitude 60° 39' North,
Longitude 176° 5' East,

Tuesday June 1st 1858

Moderate breeze from S.W. ship heading along S.E. plenty of ice in sight the Siberian, Gaffan, and a third in sight at 6 P.M. wore ship to N.W. Middle part fresh breeze, and hazy, Latter part strong breeze and thick fog part of the time, which makes it bad where there is ice about the same ships in sight and two others, the Hudson of Fairhaven, and Matopile of Wadsworth, thus ends.

Wednesday June 2nd

Strong breeze and rugged, thick fog, ship under easy sail on different tacks considerable ice around, at 4 P.M. finished hailing, Middle part much the same, Latter part more moderate and cloudy at 4 P.M. spoke ship, Hudson of Fairhaven plenty of ice in sight a great deal more than I wish there was! the bad weather, I think that I should be a happy man if there was no ice here, if I could have had my way ice should have been clear of it ere this, I would not come here among to the ice for all the whales there is here, no doubt there is much more ice this season than common half the time when I am on deck, I tremble with fear, I wish I was at home, or clear of this country, if I had known about this ice business I would not have come, anyhow, I hope we may be spared to get into a warmer country once more, and then that likes may come here again but it will not do me,