

Monday May 27th 1854

birk breezes from the SSW with some squalls of snow ship steering NNE saw several finbacks plenty small birds and large quantities of ducks in flocks all going Nward at 4 P.M. kept NNE Lat 60° 37' Long 174° 34'

Tuesday May 28th

strong breezes from the SSW and overcast ship steering NE at 2 P.M. saw ice spoke the George Howland of New Bedford one whale and the North Star nothing steered NW at 11 the land about 10 miles off Lat 61° 54' at 6 P.M. saw a bow head lowered without success

Wednesday May 28th

nearly all day calm saw one whale plenty ice in sight the land about 20 miles distant

Thursday May 29th

light air from the south veering to SW and back ship steering NE with overcast weather and some fog

Friday May 30th

calm and very still weather saw several whales but could not strike saw 2 ships saw the land not far from Cape St. Madens

Saturday May 31st

birk breezes from the NNE with squalls of snow and fog saw 4 ships saw the land last part thick fog Lat about 62° W

Sunday June 1st

light winds from the NE and foggy saw nothing

Monday June 2nd

light winds from the NE and foggy

Tuesday June 3rd

light breezes from the NE and thick fog stood in among the ice spoke the George Howland nothing and the John & Elizabeth nothing Lat about 62° 25'

Long " 174° 00' W

Wednesday June 4th

moderate breezes from the NE with snow and fog the last part some clear spells saw 4 ships all coming off & on the ice barrier saw some California gulls was not sure of seeing any bow heads at 8 P.M. breeze freshens the glass falls well rises from the SE with the opening of strong winds

Thursday June 5th

birk breezes from the North and thick weather stood in close to the ice saw plenty of ships spoke the bark Walley of Hobartown lying at anchor in 50 fathoms water with a whale spoke the bark Alfred Tyler at noon spoke up with wind at West saw Cape St. Madens ship heading NNE