

1892 Journal of the Whaling Lt William Baylies

Mon May 2. Lat 142 00

This day moderate breeze from the S.E. still fast in ice waiting for the wind to change so we can get out. Several ships in sight all in the ice. Middle part the same. Latter part strong breeze. About 10 AM saw a Bowhead in a hole. Charles Chambers a boat steers and William Jeffers got on the ice to go and strike the whale. Chambers took a tonite bomb in his hand and the bomb exploded in his hand and blowed his hand off and one finger off from William Jeffers a man forwarded. did not see the

Tues May 3

This day blowing strong with snow squalls from the S.E. still closed in the ice with all sail furled. Middle part the same. Latter part wind moderated but still snowing. The Capt the work on the 2 men that got hurt.

Wed May 4 Lat 64.15. Long 178.00 West

This day thick and snowing wind from the S.E. still closed in the ice with every thing furled. Middle part the same. Latter part cleared off some.

Thur May 5

This day begins with a moderate breeze with snow squalls from the S.E. still closed in the ice several ships in sight of us. Middle part the same. Latter part wind the same and still snowing. Watch broke out water and filled up some casks with salt water.

Fri May 6 Lat 64.11 Long 177.47 West

This day moderate breeze with snow from the S.E. still in the ice. Watch boy putting down salt water in the main hatch. Middle part the same. Latter part clear weather. the wind the same.

1892 Captain Benjamin D. Cleveland

Sat May 7. Lat 140 00

This day begins with moderate breeze and pleasant from the S.E. still closed in the ice with 8 ships in sight of us. Middle part thick and snowing. Latter part the same.

Sun May 8

This day moderate breeze and foggy from the S.E. still closed in the ice with all sail furled. Middle part wind hauled to the N.E. Latter part the same.

Mon May 9 Lat 140 00

This day moderate breeze from the N.E. with snow squalls still closed in the ice with all sail furled. Middle part the same. Latter part wind from the N.W. blowing strong with snow.

Tues May 10

This day begins with a strong breeze and thick with snow from the E. still closed in the ice with all sail furled. Middle part the same. Latter part light breeze and pleasant from the N.W.

Wed May 11 Lat 140 00

This day light breeze and pleasant from the N.W. still closed in the ice with 8 ships in sight of us. Middle part squally and thick. Latter part wind hauled to the E. and foggy with snow.

Thur May 12 Lat 140 00

This day begins with a strong breeze and foggy with snow still closed in the ice with all sail furled. Middle part the same. Latter part wind still to the E. and snowing.

Fri May 13

This day light breeze and foggy from the E. N.W. still closed in the ice. Saw white fish. Middle part the same. Latter part strong breeze with snow squalls.