

Clipper Ship *Wm* West Whaling

Monday June 26th 1854

First part light air from E. S. E. and foggy at 2 P.M. finished cutting out before and started the work to boil some ice in sight middle and latter parts light air and calm pleasant weather the water employ in boiling 4 sails in sight and some ice this ends the day
Lat. by Obs. 53° 22' N
Long by Chron 139° 48' E

Tuesday June 27th 1854

First part light air and pleasant weather the water employ in boiling 6 sails in sight nothing more middle and latter parts light breezes from E. S. E. and foggy at intervals ship on the wind on both tacks saw the ice and 6 sails the water employ in ship duties and scraping line finished boiling at 12 M this ends this day Lat. by Obs. 53° 04' N
Long by Chron 139° 48' E

Wednesday June 28th 1854

First part fresh from E. S. E. and smooth water some fog the land in sight bear South gaining with the Amazon 3 whales the P. Delagrange 3 whales the Young Phoenix 3 whales middle and latter parts fresh breezes from E. S. E. and pleasant steering by the wind on both tacks at 7 A.M. commenced stowing down in the main hold the ice and several ship in sight this ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 54° 30' N
Long by Chron 139° 41' E

Thursday June 29th 1854

First part fresh breezes from S. E. by S. and some fog ship on both tacks by the wind finished stowing down at 4 P.M. raised the land to South of us at 8 P.M. spoke the Her. Brig Josephine tender to the ship in America 600 fms. off stowed down 104 Blk. 41 galls. middle and latter parts light breezes from S. E. by S. and foggy ship on both tacks saw several when the fog lifts the water employ in weighing ship this ends this day
No Obs
and done

Friday June 30th 1854

First part light air from S. E. by S. and foggy weather the ship on both tacks saw a ship middle and latter parts thick fog and light variable air this ends this day
No Obs

in the Sea of Okhotsk

Saturday July 1st 1854

First part light variable air and a thick fog saw nothing middle and latter parts thick fog and light air and calm saw and heard nothing So Ends this day
Lat. by Act. 54° 25' N
Long by Chron 139° 36' E

Sunday July 2nd 1854

First part light air from S. E. and some fog saw 2 ships middle and latter parts light air and a thick fog heard a ship lowering a horn to windward saw nothing this ends these 24 hours
Lat. by Act. 54° 20' N
Long by Chron 139° 14' E

Monday July 3rd 1854

First part light air from E. S. E. and foggy ship on both tacks at 7 P.M. fog lifts a little saw nothing but a Devil fish at 9 P.M. saw the land to S. W. of us and spoke the ship Speedwell of N. H. 6 whale middle and latter parts light air and calm the land and the ice around it and 18 sails in sight at 9 A.M. sent 2 boats in the ice to look for whale at 10. saw several Bowheads near the ice a boat from the Massachusetts on board of us this ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 54° 10' N
No Obs

Tuesday July 4th 1854

This day commences with a light breeze from S. E. and pleasant weather saw several Bowheads from the ship at 3 P.M. the Boat came on board had seen no whales killed a Hog middle and latter light breezes from S. E. and pleasant the morning of the 4th finds up in the S. W. part of the Gulf of Saghalien at 9 A.M. saw 2 Bowheads on the edge of the ice lowered 2 boats and went in the ice for them 8 or 10 sails in sight So Ends these 24 hours
No Obs

Wednesday July 5th 1854

First part fresh breeze from S. E. ward and pleasant ship waiting for the boats at 3 P.M. come on board saw no whale in the ice several outside middle and latter parts light variable air from E. ward and pleasant lowered three for whale could not get hold this ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 53° 45' N
No Obs