

Crossing in the Arctic Ocean July 1853

Wednesday the 21 of July
This Day we have fine weather and a
Strong Breeze from the S & a Steering
SSE and we took the Ship Enriled
and tushkey of Day harder and gained and
we picked up a Rip Lark and cut him in
This Day Ends with gamming

Thursday the 22 of July
This morning we have a Strong Breeze
from the S & a Steering on the wind
in to the S and W and we started
our try work and at 6 in the afternoon
known we finished Boiling and this Day ends

Friday the 23 of July 1853
This Day we have a gail of wind
from the S & and our Ship a heading
N & by E and at 6 we wore Ship
and we heading S S W and this Day ends

Saturday the 24 of July 1853
This Day we have it thick and
Rainy and at 6 the fog lit up the
wind from the S & our Ship on
the wind first on one tack and
then on the other and this Day ends

Sunday the 25 this is the last of
July in 1853 this month has
past a way without Leaning and getting
a whale this Day we have it calm
and thick fog and a brain storm
and the Season has past a way and
we have not got nowthing and this
Day ends and the month

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On Board of the Ship "Wm. Bell" 1853
Monday the 1 of August
This Day commences with thick weather
and a light Breeze from the W &
Leaving S & by S and we air a gain out
of the Strats and at 4 Spook a Ship
and their was 5 of us all day with
the main yards a Back a gamming
Now we have got a fair wind and
We want 1 thousand Barrels of
oil But our Captain had Rather
game then whale When we have
got a fair wind then is the time to
look for a voy this is the way that
a part of the Season is spent and
This Day Ends
Lat 67 N Long 169 40 W

Tuesday the 2 of August
This morning we had a thick fog and
at 8 the fog lit up and we cept
of and Leve S for the Strats
their is 7 Ships in sight the
Wind from the W and this Day ends
Lat 66 42 N Long 169 30 W

Wednesday the 3 of August
This morning we came out of the
Strats and at 9 we saw whales
and we loerd and i Struck one
and we cut him and their was 40
Ships in sight and 4 got whales
and this Day ends

Thursday the 4 of August 1853
This Day we have a thick fog and we
have a Boiling and we saw a number
of Ships and we air of San Forges
Bay and this Day ends