

Private Journal of a Voyage in Whaleship

Thursday
May 6th 1851 Commences with fresh breezes from the N. heading N.N.W. with snow squalls. Middle and Latter parts the same. at 8 A.M. Lowered for a Right Whale at 10 came on Board without Success. Lat 52. 25 N Long none

Friday
the 7th Commences with moderate breezes from the N.N.W. heading N.E. middle and Latter parts variable winds with snow several Right Whales in sight. Lat 52. 42 N Long 166. 25 E

Saturday
the 10th Commences with fine breezes from the N.N.W. heading N.E. Lowered twice for Right Whales, without Success. middle and Latter parts variable winds with snow squalls. Lowered for Whales without Success. Lat 53. 36 N Long 167. 14 E

Sunday
the 11th Commences with fine breezes from the N.N.W. heading N.E. Behring's and Copper Islands in sight. Middle and Latter parts variable winds. one sail and several Right Whales in sight. Lat 54. 08 N Long 168 30 E

Monday
the 12th Commences with fresh breezes from the N.N.W. heading N.N.E. Behring's and Copper Islands in sight bearing N.N.W. several Right Whales, and two sails in sight. middle and Latter parts light and variable winds three sails in sight. Lat 54. 46 N Long none.

Abraham Barker. of New Bedford. to the Arctic Ocean

Tuesday
May 13th 1851 Commences with light breezes from the N. heading N.N.E. three sails in sight. Boarded the Ship Bengall. of New Bedford. Clear. Middle and Latter parts variable winds. employed in Braking out. Lat 55. 38 N Long 168. 17 E

Wednesday
the 14th Commences with fine breezes from the N.N.W. heading N.W. three sails in sight. plenty of Thin Backs in sight. middle and Latter parts fresh breezes from the N. Lat 56. 28 N Long 168. 52 E.

Thursday
the 15th Commences with light breezes from the N.N.W. heading N.E. 6 sails in sight. Middle and Latter parts variable winds. Lowered for Right Whales without success 8 sails in sight. Lat 57. 28 N Long 171. 15 E

Friday
the 16th Commences with fine breezes from the N.N.W. steering N.N.E. three sails in sight. Middle and Latter parts light and variable winds. with hazy weather. No observations.

Saturday
the 17th Commences with light breezes from the N.N.W. steering N. 6 sails in sight. Middle and Latter parts light breezes from the N.N.W. Lat 58. 40 N Long 172. 26 E

Sunday
the 18th Commences with light breezes from the N.N.W. steering N.W. 1 sail in sight. at 10 P.M. saw the Land. and Field Ice. Middle and Latter parts variable winds plenty of Ice in sight. and 5 ships. with thick weather. No observations.