

Private Journal of a Voyage in Whale Ship

Wednesday
June 25th 1831 } Commences with light breezes from the E. heading on different tacks the Land and Ice in sight gaming with ship to George, Middle and Latter parts fresh breezes Employed in stowing down several sail in sight. Lat 68.15 N Long 170.22 W

Thursday
June 26th } Commences with fresh breezes from the N.E. heading on different tacks lowered for whale without success spoke with ship Siden Howland, 1600 lbs the season, Middle and Latter parts Light airs at 7 AM the Bow Boat struck a Polar Whale and lost the Line. Lat 63.40 N Long —

Friday
June 27th } Commences with light breezes from the N.E. stowing E.N.E. Middle part strong breezes with Foggy, Latter part light breezes & sail in sight. Lowered for a Whale without success Lat 62.30 N Long 177.15 W

Saturday
June 28th } Commences with light airs and calms with Foggy spoke with ship Champion 3000 Middle and Latter parts light airs and calms with Foggy and rain employed in Repairing a Boat. & sail in sight. Lat none Long none

Sunday
June 29th } Commences with calm weather & sail in sight Middle part fresh breezes from the E. at 11 PM saw the Ice Latter part light breezes from the E. Lowered for a species of Whale similar to a Hump Back without success. Lat 64.38 N Long 177.00 W

Abraham Barker, in Abnadir Sea, Cruising for Whales 1831

Monday
June 26th } Commences with fine breezes from the N.E. heading E. by N. the Coast of Asia, in sight and plenty of Fin Backs. Middle and Latter parts Foggy saw two sail, at 11 AM went ship to the N. No Observations

Tuesday
July 1st 1831 } Commences with light breezes from the N.E. heading N with Foggy weather, Middle and Latter parts fresh breezes from the N.E. spoke with ship Siden Howland. No Observations

Wednesday
July 2nd } Commences with light breezes and calms gaming with the Siden Howland, Middle and Latter parts the same with Thick Foggy spoke with ship Trident. No Observations

Thursday
July 3rd } Commences with light breezes from the N.E. with Foggy weather heading on different tacks, at 6 PM the Fog lifted saw the Land near the entrance of Bherings straits spoke with ships Montpelier, and Russell. Middle and Latter parts Raining several canoes of Natives came on Board. No Observations

Friday
July 4th } Commences with light breezes and rainy weather the Land in sight, at 6 PM came to Anchor in 17 fathoms near Bherings Straits several sail in sight Middle and Latter parts the same at 8 AM got under weigh spoke with ships Siden Howland, Electra, Caesar, and Mary Ann, fired a salute of several guns in honour of the 4th plenty of Native visitors aboard. No Observations