

Sunday May 22 1853

Comes in with fine weather morning with the
Ship Weather of Fairhaven 18th Oct 2500 hours
The Icek line of New London 20 months out 2000
One whale this season saw 14 ships at one time
Milk used later strong freezes from the south
With a thick snow storm used report
opportunity off ice saw report many fishbacks
So Cook ship under Double Reef topsails
Digging off show the Cooper has got a bad
Cold I think I shall take a fine sweet and
turn in for the night good

Monday 23

All this 24 hours strong breezes from the
southward used the report saying off used on
the ice the land in sight later report
Many ships used report many fishbacks
The Cooper's Cold is better but I feel very
poor to day I may however so Cook
Deserts for supper Cold used clear

Lat by Obs 59:02

May 24

All this 24 hours strong breezes from the
Westward saying off used on the ice
Ship under Double reef saw report many
ships from James in the ice it looks dark
Heard the Stomach 34 months out 2000 hours
Board fortune at looks as though the quit
Bev 5-6 I may however if you really know
How poor I felt this night you would
put me poor fellow so Cook short looks
for supper now whale cold the later

Trying to find a passage through the ice.

Tuesday May 25 1853

Comes in with strong breezes from the Westward
Milk used later part fine used pleasant
Beating to the West trying to find a passage
to get through the ice saw two ships used
report many fishbacks I am glad that I
came out very true much it looks white glory

Thursday May 26

All this 24 hours fine weather wind from
All parts of the compass steering all ways
trying to find a passage through the ice
Heard the Cavalier one whale this season
Spoke the Magnolia 20 months out 2500 hours
Captain Cook came on board used spent the day
but he nothing but fishbacks used ice

Friday May 27

Comes in with strong breezes from N E
steering all ways trying to find a hole in
the ice later part heavy weather under West
Reef topsails wind about North Brandy heading
East the ships in company the old ship
is trying to make the ice Gallivest fine prospects

Saturday May 28

Comes in with strong gales from the N West
Ship under short sail Brandy later part
More Westward said sail heading N West
thick weather I feel very sick for
two of us thank the Lord there is no more
of us killed a better good