

Remarks On Board the Whaling Ship Eric

Wednesday April 27th A.D. 1853

First part

light breeze at S. S. W. ship on the S. S. Tack saw some
fin back nothing more the watch engaged in ship duties

Middle part strong wind at S. W. and overcast
steering S. by E. all possible sail set latter wind W. by S.
steering South all sail set and a topmast standing sail
ship going along at the rate of 8 knots So Ends this day

Lat. by Obs. 41-13 S.

Long. by Chron. 74-4 W.

Thursday April 28th 1853

First strong breezes

and squalls at 3 began to pipe in top gallant main royal
& standing sail and D. R. Topsails at 5 took in main sail T. B. and
close reefed fore and mizzen top sail this night closes a
stiff gale from W. S. W. much rain Middle part blows a
gale from S. W. and wild squally weather ship under close
reefed top sails and stay sails heading S. S. E. latter part

more moderate still blows strong in squalls set main
sail and D. R. Topsails this Ends this day

Lat. by Obs. 42-25 S.

Long. by Chron. 76-32 W.

Friday April 29th 1853

First part strong wind

heavy squalls at S. S. W. ship on the Southern Tack the
night closes with a young gale Middle part and latter part
strong breeze from S. W. S. and clear at intervals some rain
the ship on the Western tack saw a sail to leeward

Thus Ends this day

Lat. by Obs. 42-24 S.

Long. by Chron. 76-57 W.

Saturday April 30th 1853

First part strong breeze at S. W. S. and overcast weather
at 1 P. M. were ships to S. S. E. a ship in sight
middle and latter part light baffling air at S. with ship on both tacks
saw nothing a ship in the W. on board went down the mizzen
top sail and mended it So Ends this day Lat. by Obs. 42-51 S.

Long. by Chron. 76-50 W.

while in the South Pacific homeward bound April 29th

Sunday May 1st A.D. 1853

First of the S. W.

commences light air from North. and clear weather Steering South
the watch engaged in ship duties saw Salpeter bottoms &c

Middle and latter parts fine breeze from S. E. and clear
weather Ship going South. fore top mast standing sail and
main royal set saw fin back at 10 A. M. the wind hauls
to S. E. Thus Ends this day Lat. by Obs. 44-31 S.

Long. by Chron. 80-48 W.

Monday May 2nd 1853

First part light air from

S. E. ship head South saw nothing Middle part fine breeze
from S. S. W. and clear ship on S. E. Tack latter part fresh
breeze at W. S. S. and good weather steering S. by E. to the Horn
saw a Brig. steering S. W. the watch engaged in ship duties
Thus Ends this day Lat. by Obs. 45-44 S.

Long. by Chron. 80-27 W.

Tuesday May 3rd 1853

First part fresh breeze at S. W.

and good weather Steering S. by E. to S. by W. variation
the watch engaged in mending the fore top gallant sail saw no

Middle part a strong wind from N. W. steering S. by E. under D. R.
top sails split the T. B. latter part more moderate set single reefed
top sail main top gallant sail the watch engaged in mending T. B.
steering S. by E. & S. Thus Ends this day Lat. by Obs. 47-57 S.

Long. by Chron. 80-05 W.

Wednesday May 4th 1853

First part fresh gales at

W. and overcast at intervals steering S. by E. & S. under the T. B.
saw nothing Middle and latter parts fresh gales from W. S. S. steering
steering S. by E. & S. under single reefed top sails 8 A. M. set top sail
and main top gallant a very heavy swell from N. and S.

Thus Ends this day

Lat. by Obs. 50-02 S.

Long. by Chron. 79-28 W.