

South Seas working Northerly

Dec 24th

Thursday strong breeze from the south and East all the day. Steady by North compass. Saw great quantities of Birds of Weddell's voyage to the south pole.

Lat in 60.42.5" 68.17" W

Dec 25th

Friday and Christmas. Clear, but I wish we was home to day. commences moderate and continues throughout. Pleasant wind more southerly, and inclining westward.

Lat in 59.05.5" 71.17" W

Dec 26th

Saturday first hours moderate, middle and latter Heavy wind and rain from the north West with sharp Head beat sea, vessel under short sail heading N.E. East 57.35.5" Long 68.17" W

Dec 27th

Sunday sea smoothens and moderate in the morning. Made Diego Ramirez Bird's eye bearing N.W. by North 12 miles distant, then in and found the Gulf running heavy. Landed on one of North rocks, and took 13 seals right this out of calm.

Dec 28th

Monday went on to the camp and took of the Amara and 89 skins 289. found but four of the men, the balance having been blown off in the Shearer. Having lost their boat, poor Shearer became in sight, and overhauled in. Capt. Cheabut reports the loss of another boat, with an anchor being his last anchor he feels compelled to run for the Falklands to refurnish. We may pull in to North West but could not land. terribly ragged took one wj. wire hauling to the North East running for Solofonso for smoother water. Now on board 963 skins and the Shearer about the same ten days smoother weather and we avoided load our schooners, while as they are day was pleasant overboard

Amara 84 by three
Deals on board

South Coast Terra del

Dec 29th

Tuesday. Made the Solofonso to the northward morning wind hauls to the south west and blows with heavy rain down to the rocks with the Shearer could not land. so kept off and ran in under Morton's Island. Shearer kept off for the Falklands. Day ends so so. Sullen water and cut waves

Dec 30th

Wednesday commences stormy wind south West and continues throughout the day at Morton's Island

Dec 31st

Thursday Heavy south West gales with hail and rain squalls. sea terribly ragged outside. Still laying at Morton's Island. Hunt & Shearer Harbour

Jan 1st

Friday still blowing heavy with dark squalls of rain. Dragged out of the cove to day with 60 fath of chain & haul, got a lule and here up and worked back to the head of the cove day ends more moderate

Jan 2nd

Saturday comes in stormy and blowing sea still ragged outside afternoon took a cruise among the Islands. Between Morton's & Henderson's Islands found the debris of another wreck not many years lost, could find nothing to identify her by. Day ends fresh and clear wind south West

January 3rd

Sunday comes calm. Hove up and with two boats towed the schooner out to sea. got breakfast early noon and started boats for Solofonso. calm and light air all through the day. schooner drifting about. at 10.30 boats returned having taken 83 prime seals. Report them very wild. leaving the rocks soon as sight the boats having three pups. The rocks covered with young seals in charge of few Parents of a wj. badly desperate two or three interferences. Day ends moderate. Steady for York Moulder

1046 skins