

Remarks on board Barque Sappho

January 1. 1853 Saturday

Wish you all a happy New year

First part light wind and squally from West at 7 A.M. took in the light sails and double reef the topsails and were ship heading W. W. W. Saw plenty of black fish. Middle part wind and weather the same. Latter part at 4 P.M. were ship heading S. W. at 10 P.M. kept off W. land Dist 20 miles.

No Vbs

Monday Jan 2. 1853

First part light winds and pleasant weather from W steering W. Under easy sail employed in boiling black fish. Saw two black & shrimp. Backs. Middle part calm. Latter part light gales from W steering W. W. by W saw nothing. Lat by Obs 52-23 S Long by Chr 73-54 W.

Tuesday Jan 3. 1853

First part light gales from W steering W. W. by W. Middle part steering W. W. W. Latter part the wind hauled to West heading W. Saw the main land bearing E Dist 20 miles.

Lat by Obs 50-58 S Long by Chr 73-52 W.

Wednesday Jan 4. 1853

First part fine gales and pleasant weather from W heading W. by E. At 5 P.M. saw black fish, landed a boat and got me took him on board & double reef the topsail. Middle part at 9 A.M. more ship heading S. W. took in fore and main sail. At 10 A.M. took in fore topsail blowing heavy. At 11 A.M. were ship heading S. W. W. land under our lee Dist 20 miles. At 12 P.M. above reef the main topsail and reef the fore sail. Latter part moderate at 4 P.M. by 4 P.M. made some sail steering S. W. W.

Lat by Obs 39-44 S



Whilst cruising on the coast of Chili Capt. Wm. Lusk

Thursday Jan 5. 1853

First part light gales from W steering W. by E. Under all prudent sail. At sun down shoten sail. Middle part wind and weather the same. Latter part saw the Island of Atoroka bearing W. by W. Dist 20 miles. Heading W. by E saw plenty of Hump Backs.

No Vbs

Friday Jan 6. 1853

First part strong gales and squally weather from W. At 10 A.M. took ship again. At 4 P.M. were ship to South. Saw Hump Backs. Middle part calm. Latter part strong gales from W steering W. W. W. At 12 P.M. the Island of Atoroka bearing E Dist 20 miles.

No Vbs

Saturday Jan 7. 1853

First part strong gales from W steering W. W. W. At 5 P.M. saw up. W. by W. landed a boat but without success. At sun down came on board and shoten sail & sails in sight. Middle part **YYY** strong gales from S. S. E. At 12 P.M. took in fore topsail.

Latter part heavy gales from S. S. E. heading E. Lat by Obs 37-21 S Long by Chr 74-50 W.

Sunday Jan 8. 1853

First part strong gales from S. S. E. At 5 P.M. took in the fore sail, a sail in sight. Middle part at 11 A.M. were ship heading W. Latter part more moderate were ship several times & made all prudent sail. Lat by Obs 37-10 S Long by Chr 74-05 W.