

1843 Journal of Ship William Thompson
April

Thursday April 9 1843

At 10 A.M. began to be
in chain, and now we think
we may get off to day, Carpenter
has a pointed his on either tried
to. For I went on shore this
morning but when the boat
was about to push off Chips
was missing we soon put
the natives on the deck and
before half an hour from Chips
was in chains in the fort
got under way at 4 P.M.
Started for Wahoo by the land
at 8 P.M. reefed all the topsails
and layed two all night

Friday April 10 1843

Land in sight
and the beautiful Island
makes quite an imposing
prospect. I being called
the Queen of all the Sandwich
Islands, at 8 A.M. went on
shore to do some business.
It is quite a city for this part
of the world. We remained all
day had a ramble among
the shrubs and went on
board at 8 P.M.

Saturday April 11

Strong winds from
S. all the topsails singled
reefed, have lost sight of land.
Robertson our new man all
sick. Taro Patch being quite
unwell with bad complaints
all hands in good spirits
only want some of them

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9 Hundred and fifty chaps
to be is a going and then
it will be; both stop never
any die, while the old
Polly has got her lower girth
full

Longitude 158. 23 W

Latitude 22. 5 N

Sunday April 12 1843

Strong Trades all
day Increased towards night
took in the main sail and
double reefed the topsails, all
hands on deck, Flawly and
Lanigan sick only sea sick
I mean, Stewart told
a pretty good yarn last
night; we will call it a crab
story and about the biggest
one I ever heard. The day the
California Crabs are so large
that men going into the
water to collect shells are
often caught by the legs and
kept there by these monsters
until the tide rises and
death of course ends the life
of the unfortunate, being
I forgot to mention the always
go in search of shells when the
tide is out.

Longitude

Latitude 23. 38 N

Monday April 13 1843

Strong Trades
heavy sea Chastilly bobbing
through all hands on deck
employed in throwing away
provision and getting ready
for the blubber for we soon
expect to be up to our eyes in