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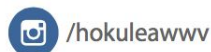
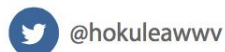
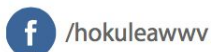
**PUBLIC CELEBRATION EVENT PLANNED TO WELCOME VOYAGING CANOE HIKIANALIA
TO SAN FRANCISCO**

Honolulu, HI - After an approximately 25-day, 2,800-mile voyage from Hawai‘i to California using traditional non-instrument navigation, the solar and wind-powered Polynesian voyaging canoe Hikianalia and her crew will sail into San Francisco Bay for a cultural arrival ceremony and celebration at Aquatic Park Cove on Sunday, September 16, noon to 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend the free event, which will feature Hawaiian music, hula, voyage-inspired merchandise, and an opportunity to meet the Hikianalia crew members. On September 17 and 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hikianalia will be open for dockside canoe tours conducted by the voyagers at Hyde Street Pier, which will be offering free entry to tour visitors.

Interested spectators can expect to see Hikianalia sail under the Golden Gate Bridge and cross the San Francisco Bay Sunday morning before she sails into Aquatic Park Cove at noon escorted by local canoe clubs. In keeping with traditional voyaging protocol, the canoe will be welcomed first and granted permission to enter Aquatic Cove by the traditional hosts of this region, the Muwekma Ohlone tribe. After an exchange of chants and ceremonial welcome rituals, a program including remarks by dignitaries, local officials, community members and Hikianalia captain Lehua Kamalu will commence. The community celebration will feature entertainment by local Hawaiian performers and hula groups including Mark Keli‘iho‘omalulu: Academy of Hawaiian Arts, cultural expressions from various local Native American tribes, and others, and voyage-inspired merchandise from Polynesian Voyaging Society and OluKai. [Download an event flyer here.](#)

The day prior to the arrival ceremony and celebration, the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce of Northern California will present [An Afternoon with Wayfinder and Master Navigator Nainoa Thompson](#) at the Samuel Johnson, Jr. Performing Arts Center in San Bruno on Saturday, Sept. 15, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thompson will speak about the 40-year journey of re-discovering ancient Polynesian voyaging and navigation, and how it has ignited a community of leaders, empowered youth, and created a

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worldwide movement of global sustainability to preserve planet Earth for generations to come. Event details and ticket registration are available through this [Eventbrite link](#).

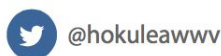
The stop in San Francisco is the first public stop and engagement on the [Alahula Kai o Maleka Hikianalia California Voyage](#). After the four-day stop in San Francisco, the canoe will sail to Half Moon Bay Yacht Club where it will be docked for one week. During most stops (weather permitting), the Hikianalia crew will be offering free dockside canoe tours, educational materials and activities, and a crew presentation. Below is a tentative port schedule for the California Voyage. Please check www.hokulea.com for the latest updates:

Tentative Hikianalia Port Schedule (subject to change)

- San Francisco – Sept. 16-19
- Half Moon Bay – Sept. 19-26
- Monterey – Sept. 27-Oct. 2
- Santa Barbara – Oct. 6-13
- Santa Cruz Island – Oct. 14-16
- King Harbor (Los Angeles) – Oct. 17-23
- Dana Point – Oct. 24-30
- San Diego – Oct. 31-Nov. 5

Hikianalia, which departed Hawai‘i on August 18, 2018, is currently 400 miles west of Northern California (as of Sept. 17, 11 a.m. HST) and is expected to make first landfall early next week. In keeping with cultural protocol, the canoe and crew will remain under “kapu” until the official arrival ceremony on September 16. Until then, the crew will rest and prepare the canoe for the next leg of the journey and will participate in a few, private engagements, focused on ocean protection including the [Global Climate Action Summit](#) and [Ocean Elders](#) meetings.

The *Alahula Kai o Maleka* Hikianalia California Voyage is a continuation of the Polynesian Voyaging Society’s Mālama Honua campaign to inspire action toward an environmentally and culturally thriving world. The name of the voyage, *Alahula Kai o Maleka*, honors the “frequented pathway,” *alahula*, across the ocean between Hawai‘i and California, *kai o Maleka*. *Kai o Maleka*, literally means “sea of America,” a traditional reference to the Pacific waterway connecting the Hawaiian Islands and the West Coast. Additional purposes of the voyage are to celebrate the Polynesian communities of California; connect, learn and share the Mālama Honua message with schools and communities; continue developing the next generation of voyaging captains, navigators and crewmembers; and to



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share the story of Hikianalia, a canoe that blends ancient wisdom and modern solutions to address the environmental and cultural issues of today.

Because the West Coast of the United States was not part of the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage, the Polynesian Voyaging Society and crew are looking forward to engaging with the California communities. While Hikianalia is sailing to California, Hōkūle‘a will remain in the Hawaiian Islands to complete the *Mahalo, Hawai‘i* Sail.

About Hikianalia

Hikianalia, the wind- and solar-powered canoe built by the [Okeanos Foundation for the Sea](#) is the sister vessel of the famed Hōkūle‘a. Hikianalia is the Hawaiian name for the star Spica, which rises together with Hōkūle‘a (Arcturus) in Hawai‘i. They are sister stars because they break the horizon together at the latitude of the Hawaiian islands. Launched on September 15, 2012, Hikianalia was designed specifically for the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage. The canoe started as an escort vessel to Hōkūle‘a and is now used as a floating classroom blending ancient wisdom with modern solutions. Hikianalia specializes in scientific exploration of marine resources and training for the next generation of voyagers. Values and behavior practiced on the deck of the canoe including how to conserve resources, care for our oceans and fellow crewmembers are shared as a model for how we can live sustainably on islands or anywhere in the world. She combines the latest ecological technology with the heritage of voyaging tradition: each of her hulls contains an electric motor powered by onboard photovoltaic panels that convert sunlight to electric propulsive energy. With a zero carbon footprint, her design supports the “Mālama Honua” (care for Island Earth) mission.

[Click here for California Voyage Fact Sheet](#)

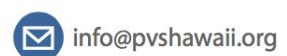
[Click here for an overview video of Hikianalia](#)

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Meaning of Voyage Name: *Alahula Kai o Maleka*

Alahula Kai o Maleka honors the “frequented pathway,” *alahula*, across the “ocean between Hawai‘i and California,” *kai o Maleka*, over the past 150 years. *Kai o Maleka*, literally “sea of America,” is a traditional reference to the Pacific waterway connecting the Hawaiian Islands and the West Coast. Whether for school, to visit family, to work, to settle, or to simply find a new life, this ocean path to the American coastal gateway has been well traveled for generations. Since the turn of the 20th century, telegraph, telephone and fiber optic cables have crossed this waterway to enable two-way communication between Hawai‘i, the continental U.S., and the entire world. And for over three-quarters of a century, this familiar path has been traversed conveniently by air eventually replacing oceanic transport. It is also within this *kai o Maleka* that we stumble into the Great Pacific Garbage Patch – the plastic archipelago of synthetic waste products from modern human activity.

Alahula refers to any path that is well known and well travelled, a familiar route that is time-honored and revered. Dreams, fears, love, money, knowledge, ambition, politics – all of these have lured people back and forth along the *kai o Maleka* waterway. Visitors travel this path. Ideas are exchanged across this path. Hostility and hope have taken this path. Whatever reasons we have for traveling this *alahula*,



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feelings for Hawai‘i always tug at our heart. Inevitably we find ourselves returning along this sea road from the West Coast, and back to our beautiful island home – whether in person or in spirit.

As we seek permission from California’s First Peoples to enter their ancestral lands, we acknowledge an indigenous kinship, and strive for spiritual oneness between the sacred environment and its caretakers, humankind.

We dedicate this sail to all of the vibrant California-based communities of Hawai‘i islanders who have represented the heart and soul of Hawai‘i for over 150 years. We also celebrate the many island-continent relationships that reflect a shared vision for a sustainable Island Earth, a thriving future for our children, and a global consciousness towards human kindness. This sail in the fall of 2018 is critical as we develop younger generation leadership and prepare for an unprecedented trans-Pacific voyage in 2020. For now, we invite you to join us on this exciting West Coast journey: *Alahula Kai o Maleka* – Hikianalia California Voyage.

About Polynesian Voyaging Society

The Polynesian Voyaging Society was founded in 1973 on a legacy of Pacific Ocean exploration, seeking to perpetuate the art and science of traditional Polynesian voyaging and the spirit of exploration through experiential educational programs that inspire students and their communities to respect and care for themselves, one another, and their natural and cultural environments. For more information about the Polynesian Voyaging Society and the Worldwide Voyage, visit www.hokulea.com or find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

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