

OCEAN VOYAGING CREW TRAINING

Program Mission: The mission of this program is to serve the community as a learning-centered, open door program providing technical training to meet the needs of those wanting to gain knowledge, skills and the hands-on opportunities when it comes to being a crew member on water vessels such as canoes (wa'a) and boats.

Program Description: The Ocean Voyaging Crew Training Program is centered on providing training on water vessels such as canoes and boats. Above all, understanding and following safety procedures and personal protective equipment knowledge for all aspects of being a crew member will be covered and highly stressed in all aspects of training.

Through taking the Ocean Voyaging Crew Training Program, students will be introduced to the history and foundations of voyaging, the importance of the wa'a, and the kuleana and roles each crew member will need to execute efficiently and safely, to the planning and execution of actual voyaging time on the ocean.

Instruction for the program will be held at the Marine Education and Training Center (METC) located on Sand Island, Keehi Lagoon, a state-of-the-art training facility which has classroom, laboratory and office space.

For enrollment in the program, students must be able to climb a twelve-foot ladder onto a vessel's deck, get on the deck, walk around the cabin and descend to the ground in a time period of not more than twice the time it takes the instructor to perform these tasks. The students must be able to jump onto the deck of a boat that is 18 inches below pier level, work/sleep in confined spaces while aboard a moving vessel and be physically fit to wear ocean protective gear. Students will need to be able to swim and pass a physical fitness test.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the history of Polynesian voyaging.
- Understand the roles and responsibilities of being a crew member onboard a water vessel.
- Operate and maintain standard ocean protective gear safely.
- Identify and be knowledgeable with the blueprint of a canoe.
- Perform and execute the planning of an actual sail aboard a canoe.

Program Requirements:

- Crew Training Level I
- Crew Training Level II
- Crew Training Level III

Crew Training Level I

This course will give students the opportunity to learn about the history of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, parts of a canoe, seamanship and navigation basics. Becoming a crew member is an intense and extensive process and we are not part of the selection process. Although students won't be going on a sail at this level, this course will introduce students to the first steps of understanding what it's like to be a crew member of a canoe.

30 hours

\$60

Crew Training Level II

While on board a voyaging canoe, each crewmember is assigned specific kuleana (responsibilities). These kuleana (14 major areas) allow the wa'a to become prepared for a voyage as well as to stay safe and efficient while voyaging. This course explains each kuleana, its importance to the wa'a and the steps needed for crew assigned to each kuleana to execute in an efficient and safe manner. Discussions will take place on chain-of-command, 1st Mate, Watch Captains, and Navigator. This course will have time spent on an actual wa'a kalua.

Pre-Requisites: Completion of Crew Member Training – Level I and must be 16 years old and older to participate in the course.

Physical Requirements: Participants need to be able to swim and be physically capable of moving around on the deck of a vessel while the vessel is moving.

30 hours

\$89

Crew Training Level III

This course takes what was learned in Level I and Level II training courses, and applies them to an actual voyaging scenario, culminating in an overnight sail. Students will plan and prepare the wa'a for the voyage, including menu planning, safety check out, chart plotting, weather forecasting, sail selection, Watch Captain selection, Navigator selection, along with kuleana and watch assignments. The Captain on-board will be a person with blue water experience on voyaging canoes, along with at least 3 seasoned

crew. This course will prepare individuals who are wanting to become part of the crew pool from which actual voyaging crew are chosen from.

Pre-Requisites: Completion of Crew Training Levels I and II

50 hours

\$695

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