

A BRIEF SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00	Opening Ceremonies
10:00 - 19:00	Ongoing Demonstrations and Displays of Local Culture and Skills
10:00	Sweet Tuba Tasting
11:00 - 15:30	Canoe and Raft Races
16:00	Canoe Tours for Guests
19:00 - 21:30	Evening Ceremonies, Including a Tuba Circle for Guests, Race Awards, and a Local Men's Dance

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00	Opening
9:30 - 16:00	Canoe Race Trials
9:30 - 16:00	Ongoing Demonstrations and Displays of Local Culture and Skills
10:00 - 18:00	Ongoing Local Skills Workshops for Guests
14:00	Canoe Tours for Guests
16:30 - 19:00	Toy Canoe Race for Children
19:00 - 21:30	Evening Ceremonies, Including a Tuba Circle for Guests, Toy Canoe Race Awards, and a Local Men's Dance

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00	Opening
9:30 - 16:00	Canoe Race Finals
9:30 - 14:30	Ongoing Demonstrations and Displays of Local Culture and Skills
10:00 - 15:00	Ongoing Local Skills Workshops for Guests
14:30	Canoe Tours for Guests
17:00	Traditional Dinner and Women's Dance for VIP and Interested Guests
19:00 - 21:30	Evening Ceremonies, Including Race Awards, a Voyage Chant, and a Local Men's Dance

HOW CAN YOU HELP PRESERVE THE CANOE TRADITION IN YAP FOR THE NEXT GENERATION?



The Yapese tradition of building, sailing, and navigation goes back hundreds of years. In order to keep it alive for generations to come in a rapidly changing world, we need the support of people like you. If you would like to make a donation to the Yap Traditional Navigation Society or the Yap Canoe Festival, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us through the information below. We look forward to hearing from you.



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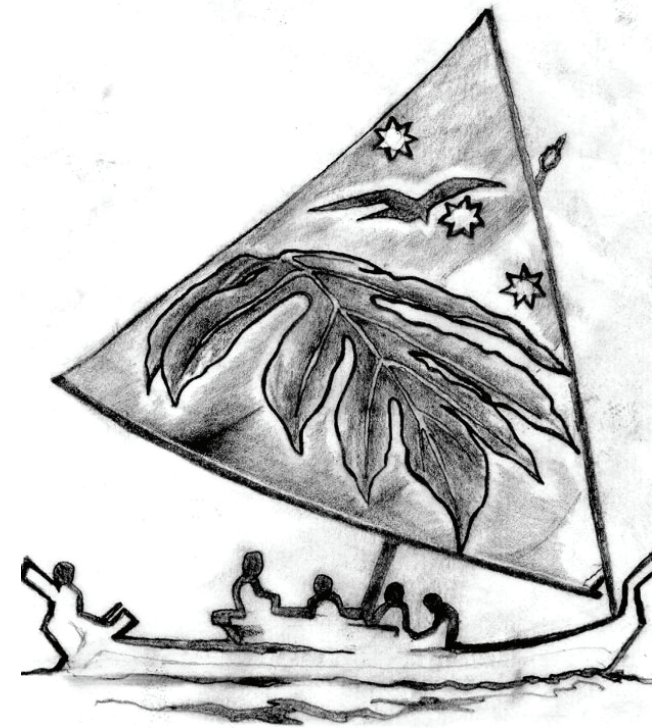
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The Yap Traditional Navigation Society, in association with local sponsorship, proudly invites you to the

THE FIRST ANNUAL YAP CANOE FESTIVAL



OCTOBER 23-25, 2009

COLONIA, YAP FSM

CANOES AND CULTURE



For hundreds of years, canoe construction, sailing, and navigation have been a major component of life on Yap and its neighboring islands. This connection to the sea allowed our ancestors to create a powerful tradition that has lasted to the present day. With canoes they voyaged great distances over dangerous oceans, and even carried back to Yap the largest megaliths ever carved and transported in the Pacific, our Yapese stone money. The culture of canoes has always been a major component of our civilization, and we wish to preserve this tradition for our future.



WHAT IS THE YAP CANOE FESTIVAL?



In the past, canoes were an extremely important part of our lives and culture. They are present in our traditional dances and our oral histories. In recent years, much of the skills and knowledge surrounding canoe construction have been replaced with a new culture, that of the modern world. A year ago, the leaders of the island came together to determine the best way to celebrate this valuable part of our history and preserve it from extinction. The first annual Yap Canoe Festival was created to show the world the pride we have in our history, culture and traditions, and to insure that they will survive for years to come.

FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



CANOE RACES

For three days, teams from Yap and neighboring islands will compete in races using various canoe styles. There will be traditional races and international races, paddling races and voyaging races, 12-foot canoes for two-person teams and 20-foot canoes for eight people. The local school children will also be constructing toy canoes of their own to race around the lagoon. A ceremony on the last day will award the winners of each race.

DANCES AND CHANTS

In Yap, dancing is an important part of the culture, and chanting is a way to pass oral histories from generation to generation. Many of the local dances and chants revolve around the tradition of canoes. Each night, you will witness a traditional Yapese dance, a beautiful art form, which commemorates voyaging and navigation.

TUBA CIRCLES

Each night, guests will be invited to join the traditional tuba circles held after the day's festivities. Tuba, a local wine made from the fermented sap of the coconut tree, is often shared in the evening as a way for the community to catch up on the news of the day, and make plans for tomorrow.

CANOE TOURS

Guest can experience traditional sailing for themselves during our daily canoe tours around the lagoon.

FESTIVAL DEMONSTRATIONS AND WORKSHOPS



In addition to all the activities and events that will be held at the festival this year, we will also have master artisans from all over the island conducting interactive demonstrations and workshops. Festival guests will get hands-on lessons in a local island craft. So, sign up for a class of your choice and learn a new skill the traditional way.



DEMONSTRATIONS AND WORKSHOPS INCLUDE...

- ✦ Canoe Carving
- ✦ Canoe Sailing and Paddling
- ✦ Rope Making and Tying
- ✦ Sail Weaving
- ✦ Pandaus and Coconut Leaf Weaving
- ✦ Voyage Food Preparation
- ✦ Coconut Oil Making
- ✦ Lava Lava Weaving
- ✦ Local Massage
- ✦ Local Art and Attire Displays

Demonstrations will be open to everyone, and workshop registration will be available at each booth during the first festival day. Canoe Carving, Coconut Oil Making, Local Massage, and the Art and Attire Displays will be demonstration only.