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### MONDAY

A vision for the epic 50,000-mile, around-the-Earth voyage, charting a sail plan to visit 26 countries, the ancient art of compass-free wayfinding, and Hokualea's design.

### TUESDAY

Educators' voyage-inspired studies for schoolchildren, Hikianalia's green-minded technology, meet some of the crew members, and the Polynesian Voyaging Society sailing highlights.

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**MONDAY:** Schoolchildren grow food for the voyage **WEDNESDAY:** Onboard cooks keep the crew happy and



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Jack Johnson, center, performed along with Paula Fuga, left, and Chucky-Boy Chock for a private event for the Polynesian Voyaging Society on Saturday. Johnson and Chock collaborated on a new song based on Hokualea's legacy, "Na Ho'okele Opiopio," or "The Young Navigators."

## Hokualea crew prepares to leave on trek

The canoe and its escort vessel will be open for visits this week

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Kau ka pe'a, holo ka wa'a, say the islands' Polynesian voyagers: "Up go the sails, away goes the canoe."

Crew members are making final preparations — and locals are offering farewells and good wishes — as Hokualea readies to leave Oahu in less than a week for what aims to be its most ambitious voyage yet.

The public will have three more opportunities this week, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, to visit the renowned Hawaiian voyaging canoe and its escort vessel, the

Hikianalia, before they leave from Sand Island. The open house hours are 7 p.m. at the Marine Education Training Center, 10 Sand Island way.

Once Hokualea and Hikianalia leave Saturday, their Polynesian Voyaging Society caretakers plan for the double-hulled canoes to return to Oahu.

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**"You hear these stories of the Hokule'a, and growing up in Hawaii it's your idea of what courage is," Jack Johnson said at a Saturday event where he performed with Paula Fuga, left, drummer Sam Ite and Chucky-Boy Chock, right. "To me, the idea of Hokule'a and doing these journeys, and being able to survive on your own with very limited tools ... it's also about sustainability."**

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The trio of musicians further aims to greet crew members with the song when they arrive in port for at least one voyage leg, and they're looking at South Africa and New Zealand as possibilities, Johnson said.

At Kawaiaha'o Church on Sunday, several pastors of Pacific heritage from different church denominations will offer canoe crew members prayers, well-wishes — and even rejuvenated muscles.

After a 3 p.m. prayer for the canoe crews' safety and success, the pastors will wash the feet of 20 to 30 crew members expected to be at the church. It's a show of service to those willing to sail on behalf of their community, said Kahu Curt Kekuna, senior pastor at Kawaiaha'o, Hawaii's second-oldest church in Hawaii.

Then, after the feet-washing, the canoe crew members can take advantage of 10 massage tables set up on the church grounds for lomilomi massages.

"Once they get out on the boat, my friend — the dou-

ble hull, it's going to be a long, long day," Kekuna said.

Finally, the crew and their families will be able to enjoy a small meal there. Kekuna described the activities as a "tangible way of serving the crew."

"The fact is, they are serving us by representing our culture throughout the world, so we gladly serve them," he said Thursday.

The event is open to the public to observe — but the foot-washing and massages are for the voyage's crew members only, and the meals only for the crew and their families.

Voyaging Society officials hope the voyage will promote better care of Earth's finite resources — similar to how pre-contact Hawaiians thrived in the islands with what was available. They further hope it will inspire those back on Hawaii to use the islands as a virtual laboratory and classroom, pursuing solutions to growing environmental threats.

"This is a challenge not just for Hawaiians, not just for people around the world, but for the planet," said Low, the former crew member. "I would say this is the biggest voyage they've ever faced."