



# POLYNESIAN VOYAGING SOCIETY

*10 Sand Island Parkway  
Honolulu, HI 96819*

## WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE, AND ASSUPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

### ADULT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter "Passenger/Crew/Volunteer"), desire to come aboard, or work on one of the vessels operating under the supervision of the Polynesian Voyaging Society (hereinafter "PVS"), for any work, program-related purpose or as a volunteer. "Vessel" includes any of the double-hulled Polynesian sailing canoes operating under the supervision of PVS, or any of the escort vessels that may be accompanying the canoe.

Passenger/Crew/Volunteer realizes that PVS will only take him/her aboard the vessel, or work on or near the vessel if he/she understands and agrees to all of the terms of this Waiver of Liability, Release, and Assumption of Risk Agreement.

Passenger/Crew/Volunteer acknowledges and understands that there are inherent risks and dangers in boarding an open-ocean sailing vessel, or working on or near the vessel. Gear and equipment on the vessel, even if in good operating condition upon leaving land, may break or malfunction on the open ocean. Accidents can occur, and people sometimes get injured. There are also risks and dangers as a result of bad weather and rough sea conditions, and also many unseen and unknown risks and dangers. There are also many risks and dangers in working on or near one of the vessels.

**PASSENGER/ CREW/ VOLUNTEER HEREBY AGREES TO ASSUME ALL RISKS OF THE VOYAGE, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN.**

Passenger/ Crew/ Volunteer hereby waives all claims he/she may have for damages of any kind resulting from injuries, personal or otherwise, which may be suffered as a result of any breakage or malfunction of gear or from any other cause while passenger/ crew/ volunteer is aboard the vessel, or working on or near the vessel. PVS (owners of Hokule`a), Marine Education Training Center (METC), Honolulu Community College (HCC), University of Hawaii (UH), any other individual or entity associated with PVS, the vessel, and the captain of the respective vessel shall not be liable to passenger/ crew/ volunteer or anyone claiming by or through them for any damages or claims of any kind as a direct or indirect result of passenger/ crew/ volunteer being aboard the vessel, or working on or near the vessel.

Passenger/ Crew/ Volunteer hereby forever releases and holds harmless PVS, Marine Education Training Center (METC), Honolulu Community College (HCC), University of Hawaii (UH), any other individual or entity associated with PVS, the vessel, and the captain of the respective vessel from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities of any kind or nature which result directly or indirectly from Passenger/ Crew/ Volunteer being aboard the vessel, or working on or near the vessel.

This assumption of risk and waiver and release of liability contained herein is an essential element of PVS', and the respective captain's, grant of permission for Passenger/ Crew/ Volunteer to board the vessel, or work on or near the vessel.

This agreement has been explained to me by PVS and/or the respective captain, and I understand what it says and understand that I would not be permitted to come aboard and sail on the vessel, or work on or near the vessel if I did not agree to its terms.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed these presents as of the day and year written as follows:

"At \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.  
(City/State) (Day) (Month) (Year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Passenger/ Crew/ Volunteer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Passenger/Crew/Volunteer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Witness)

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(Printed Name of Witness)