

Polynesian Voyaging Society Insuring a Safe Crew and Canoe

There are many dangers crew members on canoes face whenever we go to sea. The PVS minimizes these dangers by ensuring that we have capable crew personnel to deal with any possible situation that may occur. The following are examples of how the PVS provides for the safest possible sailing experience:

- 1. Select capable people for leadership roles, to serve as captains, watch captains, navigators.**
- 2. Provide adequate training for all crew members, so that they have the optimum skills to sail safely.**
- 3. Provide a training manual so that all procedures can be standardized allowing all crew members to blend no matter who they train under.**
- 4. Provide an escort vessel to act as a monitor, documentator, and safety precaution for any incident at sea.**
- 5. Provide a professional medical crew member on long voyages to deal with any possible health problem.**
- 7. Provide a safe sailing vessel by dry-docking, inspecting, repairing and replacing any and all working parts including hulls, masts, boom, sweeps, cleats, railings, 'iako, standing rigging and re-lashing. After refurbishing, vessels will be tested and evaluated to see if she is ready for sea once more.**
- 8. Furnish the necessary safety equipment such as flares, life jackets, safety harnesses, epirb, radio, etc.**