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'Imiloa Hosts Tenth Annual Wayfinding Festival

Hilo, Hawai'i – Honor the art, science and culture of oceanic navigation at 'Imiloa's Tenth Annual Wayfinding Festival, sponsored by the Ama OluKai Foundation, on Sunday, October 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's theme, *Bringing Home Lessons of the Worldwide Voyage*, will feature a special panel discussion with crewmembers from the recently completed Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage, along with exciting wa'a (canoe) activities themed around Hawai'i's iconic double-hulled sailing canoe, Hōkūle'a. Come learn about the epic 3-year journey of Hōkūle'a, which traveled 42,000 nautical miles, visiting 150 ports in more than 20 countries, while training a new generation of navigators, educators, scientists and community stewards.

“'Imiloa's Wayfinding Festival is our way of honoring our deep sea voyaging ancestors who sailed across the open ocean using the light of the stars to guide them to new lands. And at the same time it is a chance to celebrate our modern day navigators who are transmitting celestial navigation skills into the next generation,” says Ka'iu Kimura, 'Imiloa's Executive Director. “And, of course, our major focus this year is applauding the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage and the successful completion of Hōkūle'a's epic journey across the globe. 'Imiloa was privileged to be able to join Hōkūle'a during her stops in New York City and Washington, D.C. in 2016. Following her 3-year long-distance journey has truly been an honor for our entire community and we're thrilled to have returned crewmembers share their experiences and 'ike (knowledge) with us at 'Imiloa's upcoming Wayfinding Festival.”

The festival will also reprise the very popular *Wa’a Iron Chef Contest*, in which crewmember contestants are challenged to get creative preparing a meal using a galley box limited to foods and tools typically available on a voyaging canoe. Watch the cooking contest go down as crewmembers compete to create the ‘ono winning dish! Keiki will be able to enjoy indoor and outdoor voyaging activities, and all are invited to take advantage of special planetarium programming and full access to ‘Imiloa’s interactive Exhibit Hall.

“If you’ve ever wondered what sailing on Hōkūle‘a is like, or if you just want to hear more about our trials, tribulations and triumphs at sea, then don’t miss this event,” says Kālepa Baybayan, ‘Imiloa’s Navigator-in-Residence, and Captain of Hōkūle‘a. “On hand at the festival will be many crewmembers who have spent many days and nights on Hōkūle‘a. Come hear their stories and learn the basics of wayfinding, including the Hawaiian Star Compass!”

‘Imiloa is very grateful to the Ama OluKai Foundation for sponsorship of the Tenth Annual Wayfinding Festival. “The Ama OluKai Foundation is proud to support the historic return of Hōkūle‘a and its celestial navigators,” says Dan McInerny, Executive Director of the Ama OluKai Foundation. “The Wayfinding Festival promises to be another terrific event hosted by our friends at ‘Imiloa as we share in the celebration of Hawaiian culture, its ancestral past and exploration.”

For more information about ‘Imiloa’s Wayfinding Festival, visit ImiloaHawaii.org.



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10th Annual
Wayfinding Festival

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