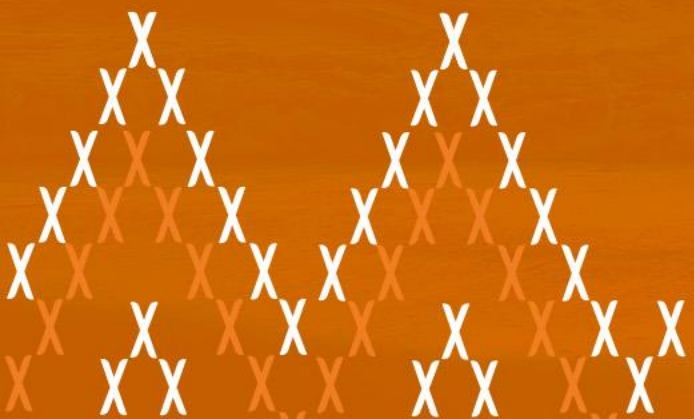


*Keynote speaker*

**Jack Thatcher**

Celestial navigator



**TUIA** 2025



# Te Hekenga ki Tua: Seeking the horizon



He Kura Waka; He Kura Wananga







# Tuia 2025

Te Ara Whakamua

An intentional long term intergenerational approach  
to develop and enhance the way in which Rangatahi  
Māori contribute to communities throughout  
Aotearoa NZ







"You are the light  
responsible for the preservation of Life"

*-Pius Mau Piailug, Satawal Island, March 2008*



# Te Kura Waka

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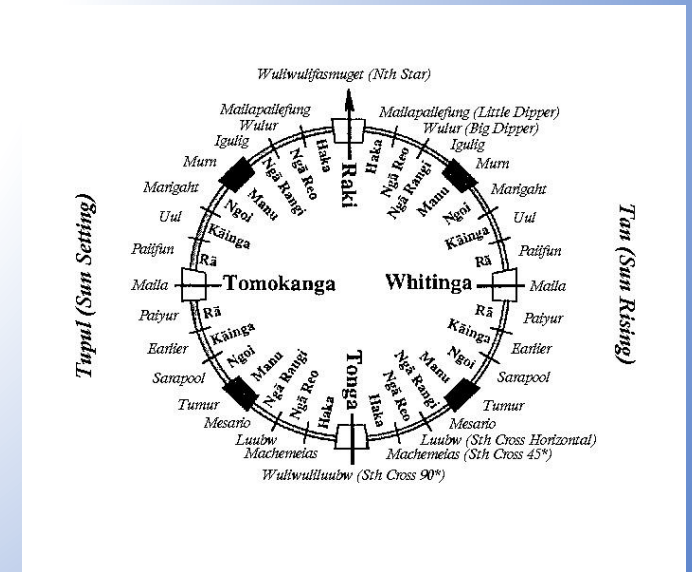
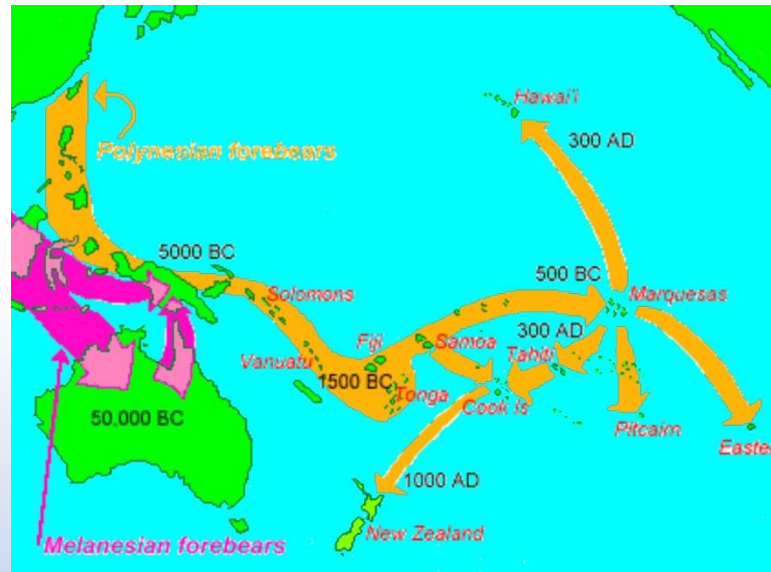
To train a new generation of traditional navigators who will carry on the legacy of Micronesian Navigator; Pius Mau Piailug





# He Kura Waka; He Kura Wananga

- ❖ 33 years of Waka Kaupapa
- ❖ 60,000 nm Ocean and Coastal Voyaging
- ❖ Training 4 years – 1995 Graduation
- ❖ Inducted to Mau Piailug Wananga 2008
- ❖ Graduated three students 2011,2012,2013
- ❖ Formed Kura Waka 2015
- ❖ Current class of 35 students





# Te Kura Waka

## Second Generation



Manihera Forbes, 2011



Piripi Smith, 2012



Hemi Eruera, 2013





# Te Kura Waka

Third Generation | 2015 – 2025



Teira Tohu



Toiora Hawira



James Tremlett



Tamahau Tangitu



Kawai Joe



Saki Uchida



Hinerapa Rupuha





# Te Kura Waka

## Fourth Generation



Whareroa Marae | Wānanga 1: 18 – 20 July 2025



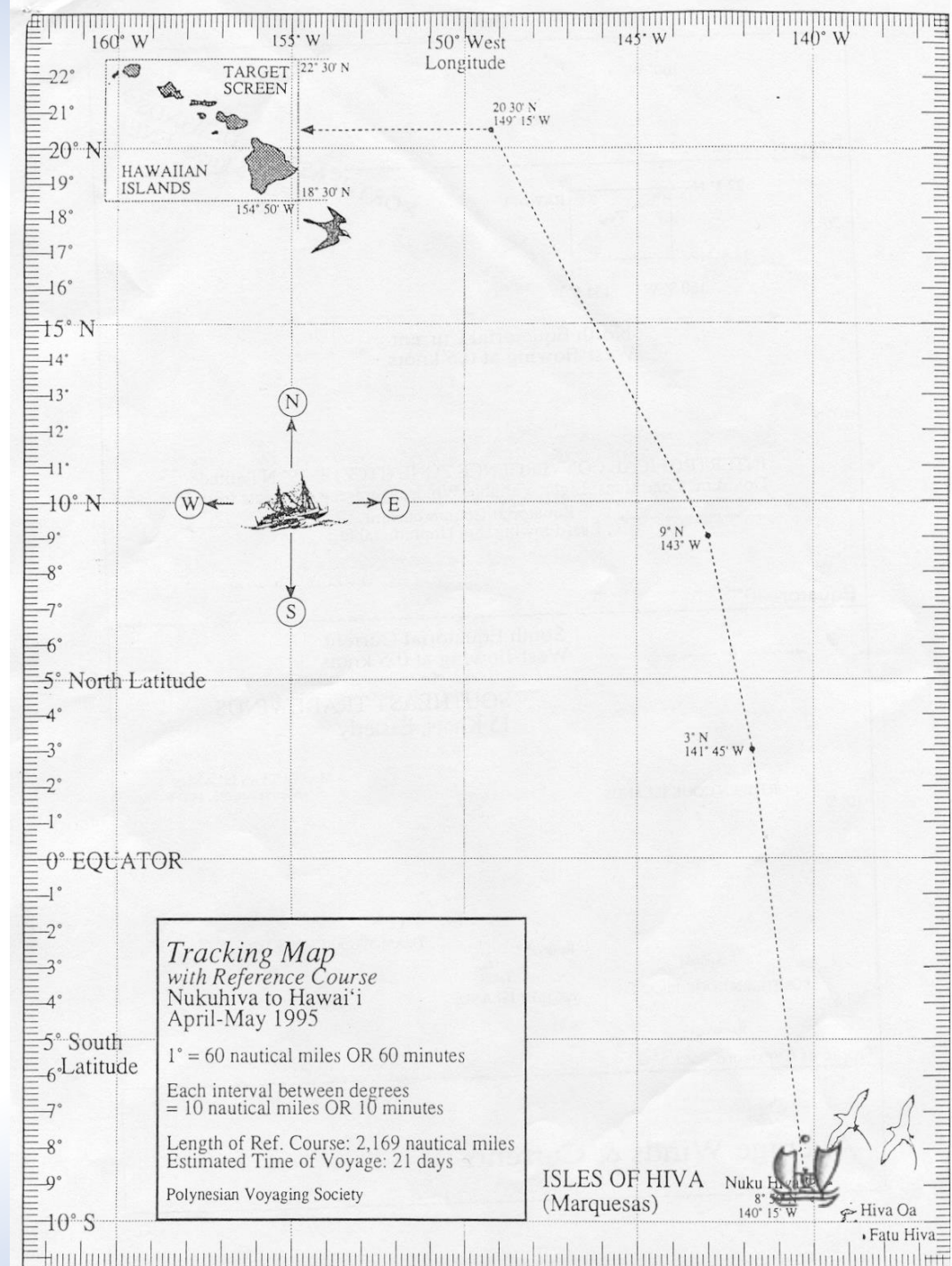






# Te Kura Waka

## Planning Voyages





# Waka Tapu- Te Ara Moana 2012/13



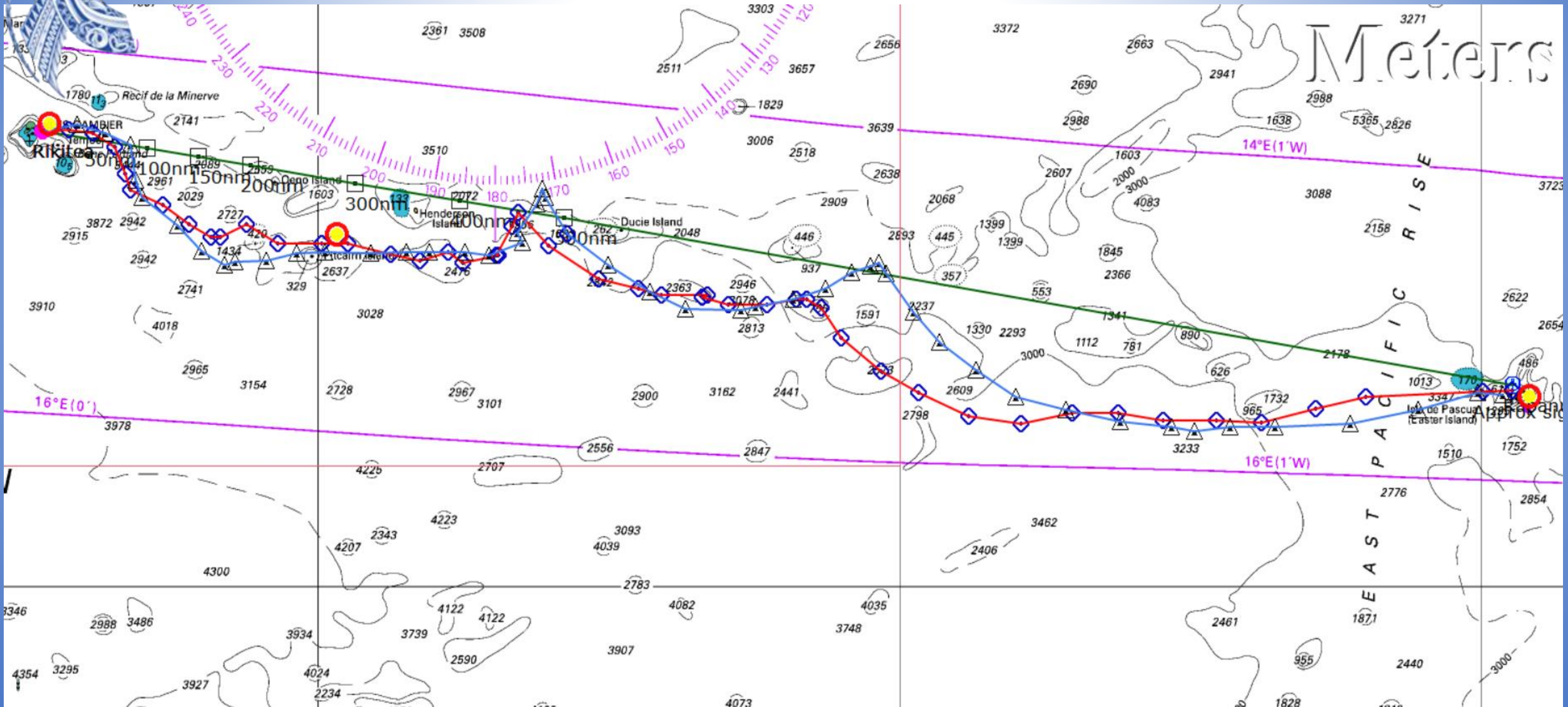


# Waka Tapu – Nga Awha





# Waka Tapu – Te Huarahi





# Te Puna i Rangiriri Trust

Te Kura Waka



Ngā Hihī o Koopu Parapara



Matariki



Tauranga Moana Tauranga Tangata





# Key TPIRT Portfolios 5 Year Impact Snapshot ✨

## Tauranga Moana Tauranga Tangata Festival (est 2002) ✨

**FASHION SHOW**  
**Te Reo Māori Debates**  
**Marae Kapa Haka**  
**SPORTING ACTIVITIES**  
**ARTS & CRAFTS**  
**CONTEMPORARY ART EXHIBITION**  
**WAKA ACTIVITIES**  
A weekend of celebration, hauora & whakawhanaungatanga

**22** Marae across Tauranga participate  
**11** Hapū have hosted

By our hapū, for our whānau



TE PUNA I RANGIRIRI TRUST

## Ngā Hihi o Koopu Parapara Mau Rākau for Schools (est 1996)

**18** Schools & Kura Kaupapa worked with since programme inception

**8** Schools currently engaged with Mau Rākau Programme

**28** Marae From Ōtāwhiwhi (Bowentown) to Omarumutu (Ōpōtiki)

**247** Tauira (students) currently enrolled in 2025 from the following Schools:

**4** Kura Kokiri  
**28** Manunui  
**50** Maungatapu  
**33** Otepoi  
**10** Te Puna  
**4** Matakana  
**29** Matapahi  
**13** Tauranga Intermediate

A wellness Programme for boys using Māori Martial Arts

## Annual Observation of Tikanga Matariki

### Matariki ki Tauranga Moana ✨

**10** Matariki ki Mauao workshops delivered

**42** Schools attended since 2015

**4** Ceremonial Remembrance Events

**500+** People in attendance at Matariki Remembrance Ceremony 2025

**20** Years







# Te Kura Waka

## 5 Year Impact Snapshot

### Modern Navigation History

3 The first generation of modern Aotearoa navigators.

Jack Thatcher  
Sir Hector Busby  
Piripi Evans

3 The second generation of modern Aotearoa navigators.

Navigators  
Trained under  
Jack Thatcher

7 The third generation of modern Aotearoa navigators.

Navigators  
Trained under  
Jack Thatcher

8 Trained Skippers

3 Hold Maritime Skippers Certification

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Past & Current Crew

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

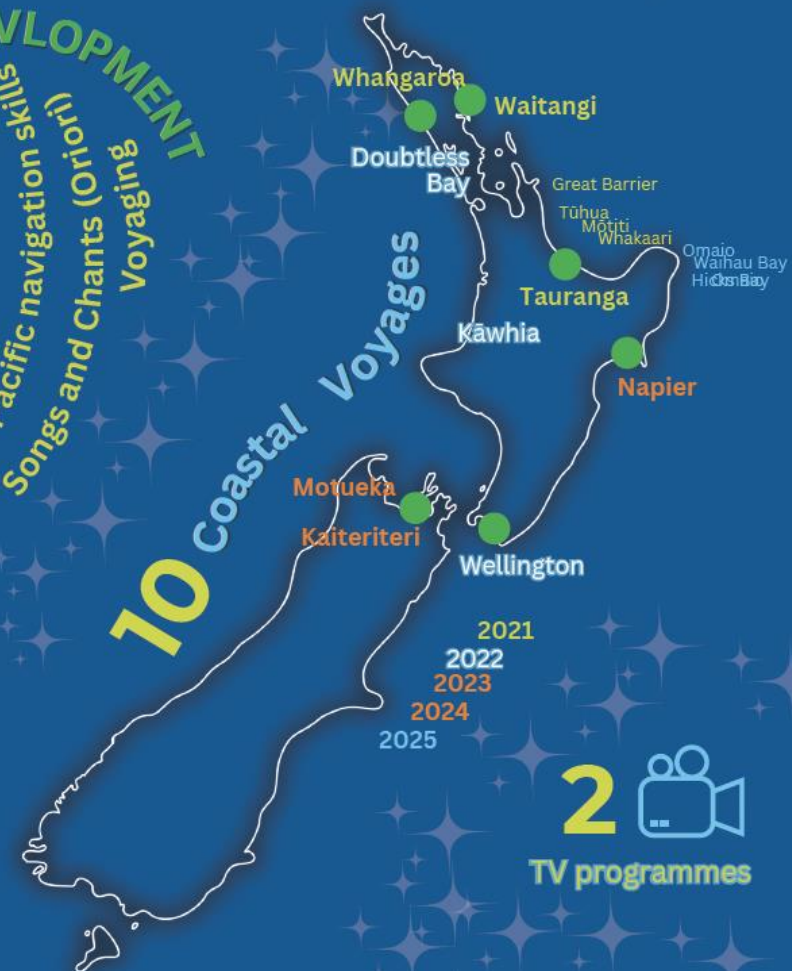
Memory Skills • Team Work • Leadership  
Sail Planning • Mātauranga Māori  
Waka maintenance and repair  
Traditional Pacific navigation skills  
Songs and Chants (Oriōri)  
Voyaging

Engaged with:

88 Schools  
25 Iwi

13 Outreach Programmes

With Schools & communities



2 TV programmes







# Te Kura Waka

Te Hekenga ki Tua – Samoa 2025

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