**Micronesian Games 2018**

**Outrigger Canoe**

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Va’a have been traveling the Pacific Ocean for more than 4,000 years. In around 2,000 BC a wave of seafaring people emerged from Asia and ventured out into the Eastern Pacific Ocean, for the first time in Human history. The earliest va’a are thought to have originated at this time and we now know that ancient Polynesians and their ancestors settled the most remote islands of the Pacific in single and double hull va’a. These canoes were often sailing vessels and could be much larger than today’s racing V6. When the first Europeans arrived in Polynesia, sailing va’as of up to 30 meters in length were recorded, designed for long ocean passages.

Va’a were originally developed by the Austronesian speaking peoples of the islands of Southeast Asia for sea travel, and were used to transport these peoples both eastward to Polynesia and New Zealand and westward across the Indian Ocean as far as Madagascar during the Austronesian migration period. Even today, it is mostly among the Austronesian groups (Malay, Micronesian, Melanesian and Polynesian peoples) that va’a are used.

Va’a for fishing are also used among certain non-Austronesian groups, like the Sinhala in Sri Lanka, where they are known as oruwa, as well as among some people groups in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

When Magellan’s ships first encountered the Chamorros of the Mariana Islands in 1521, Antonio Pigafetta recorded that the Chamorros’ sailboats far surpassed Magellan’s in speed and manoeuvrability.

The Polynesian Voyaging Society has two double hull sailing va’a, Hōkūle’a and Hawai’iloa, and sails them between various islands in the Pacific using traditional Polynesian navigation methods without instruments.

The technology has persisted into the modern age. Va’a can be quite large fishing or transport vessels, and in the Philippines, outrigger canoes (called bangka, parao or balanghai) are often fitted with petrol engines. The links between seafaring and outrigger canoes in the Philippines extend through to political life, in which the smallest political unit in the country still called Barangay after the historical Balanghai outrigger proas used in the original migrations of the first Austronesian peoples across the archipelago and beyond.

For the 2018 Micronesian Games, Yap provided an ideal setting for this highly valued competition.

Held over two days, the sprint event for V6 canoes were held with a 500m and 1500m event for men and women on Day 1, followed by distance events on Day 2. Palau dominated the women’s events winning all three gold medals. Yap did likewise for the men’s events with Palau emerging top overall based on the overall medal count.

Get your results on [the web site here.](http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-12025-0-0-0&assoc=12025)

**Competing Teams at the 2018 Micronesian Games.**

**MEN**

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| Pohnpei |  | Henry Ardos | |  | Kosrae |  | Ernist Killin | |
|  |  | Talley Hairens | |  |  |  | Marcus Benjamin | |
|  |  | Mike Hairens | |  |  |  | Vernet Waguk | |
|  |  | Marsten Ardos | |  |  |  | Palikkun Nena | |
|  |  | Henry Ardos Jnr | |  |  |  | Harry Benjamin | |
|  |  | Dexy Hairens | |  |  |  | Saro Tilfas | |
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| Yap |  | Travis |  |  | CNMI |  | Josh Andrew | |
|  |  | Bermino |  |  |  |  | Jose Quan | |
|  |  | Joseph |  |  |  |  | Bobby Cruz | |
|  |  | Bradman |  |  |  |  | James Lee | |
|  |  | Bruce |  |  |  |  | Jason Tarkon | |
|  |  | Chester |  |  |  |  | Jack Kabirek | |
|  |  | Patwin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Ervin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Mino |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Jarguin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Guam |  | Shane Palomo | |  | Palau |  | Bill Tony |  |
|  |  | Kyle Palomo | |  |  |  | Macstyle Sasao | |
|  |  | Eric Reyes | |  |  |  | Joseph Carlos | |
|  |  | Jesse Cabrera | |  |  |  | Jayvits Kiep | |
|  |  | Johnny Palomo | |  |  |  | Randy Miran | |
|  |  | Ian Iriarte | |  |  |  | Jimmy Jonas | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Denjo Pedro | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cobi Jones | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tino Faatuuala | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jeric Borja | |

**WOMEN**

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| CNMI |  | Krista Falig | |  | Kosrae |  | Kenye Noda | |
|  |  | Lorenz Alden | |  |  |  | Ann-Marie Killin | |
|  |  | Maynah Rovenas | |  |  |  | Sweetyona Tulensru | |
|  |  | Maria Ornes | |  |  |  | Suzie Benjamin | |
|  |  | Victoria Camava | |  |  |  | Evelyn Alik | |
|  |  | Shelli Neal | |  |  |  | Lorie Ann alik | |
|  |  | Lee Elizabeth Tenorio | | |  |  | Regina Killin | |
|  |  | Arielle Buyvou | |  |  |  | Lolynn Tilfas | |
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| Palau |  | Mariah Okada | |  | Yap |  | Mendy Dugwen | |
|  |  | Elilai Sugiyama | |  |  |  | Stella Laachthan | |
|  |  | Samantha Rechelluul | | |  |  | Alvina Hachelbe | |
|  |  | Nikla Reddin | |  |  |  | Margie Falanruw | |
|  |  | Ochebir Ngiraingas | |  |  |  | Ellie Fagoligan | |
|  |  | Pkngey Ofobed | |  |  |  | Jacklyn Mouthag | |
|  |  | Elsei Tellei | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Miel Sequeira - Holm | | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Hatayan Cooper | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Nikki Vehara | |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Guam** |  | Bel Gutierrez | |  | Pohnpei |  | Angi Penikinos | |
|  |  | Del Duenas | |  |  |  | Jessica Damarlone | |
|  |  | Jen Horeg | |  |  |  | Mary Deres | |
|  |  | Misako Sablan | |  |  |  | Briel Yamaguchi | |
|  |  | Taria Manglona | |  |  |  | Emerike Loyola | |
|  |  | Chrissy Palomo | |  |  |  | Sulinda Henrick | |

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| **Women Open 1500 V6** | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |
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| **Race 2** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **09:30** | 1 | Palau | 08:06.6 | 1Q |
| Semi Final 1 | 2 | Guam | 08:33.0 | 2 |
|  | 3 | Kosrae | 08:55 | 3 |
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| **Race 4** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **10:30** | 1 | Pohnpei | 09:07.3 | 1Q |
| Semi Final 2 | 2 | CNMI | 09:08.5 | 2 |
|  | 3 | Yap | 10:56.3 | 3 |
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| **Race 6** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **11:30** | 1 | Guam | 08:59.5 | 1q |
| **Repechage** | 2 | CNMI | 09:14.2 | 2q |
|  | 3 | Kosrae | 09:42.8 | 3 |
|  | 4 | Yap | 10:25.2 | 4 |
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| **Race 14** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **13:30** | 1 | CNMI | 09:09.2 | 3 |
| **FINAL** | 2 | Palau | **08:44.6** | 1 |
|  | 3 | Pohnpei | 09:13.5 | 4 |
|  | 4 | Guam | 09:05.8 | 2 |
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| **Men Open 1500 V6** | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |
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| **Race 1** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **9:45am** | 1 | Pohnpei | 07:50.3 | 3 |
| Semi Final 1 | 2 | CNMI | 07:44.8 | 1Q |
|  | 3 | Guam | 07:45.5 | 2 |
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| **Race 3** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **10:15** | 1 | Kosrae | 08:58.2 | 3 |
| Semi Final 2 | 2 | Palau | 07:37.3 | 1Q |
|  | 3 | Yap | 07:38.7 | 2 |
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| **Race 5** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **10:45** | 1 | Kosrae | 09:07.7 | 4 |
| Repechage | 2 | Pohnpei | 08:07.6 | 3 |
|  | 3 | Guam | 07:47.7 | 1q |
|  | 4 | Yap | 07:51.1 | 2q |
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| **Race 13** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **13:45** | 1 | Guam | **07:50.2** | **Bronze** |
| FINAL | 2 | CNMI | 08:03.5 | 4 |
|  | 3 | Palau | **07:44.4** | **Silver** |
|  | 4 | Yap | **07:40.1** | **Gold** |

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| **Men Open 500 V6** | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |
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| **Race 7** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **12:00** | 1 | Guam | 02:15.0 | 3 |
| Semi Final 1 | 2 | Yap | 02:10.3 | 1 |
|  | 3 | CNMI | 02:13.8 | 2 |
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| **Race 9** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **12:30** | 1 | Pohnpei | 02:18.1 | 2 |
| Semi Final 2 | 2 | Palau | 02:13.5 | 1 |
|  | 3 | Kosrae | 02:33.6 | 3 |
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| **Race 11** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **13:00** | 1 | Guam | 02:12.7 | 1 |
| Repechage | 2 | Pohnpei | 02:18.7 | 3 |
|  | 3 | Kosrae | 02:38.1 | 4 |
|  | 4 | CNMI | 02:16.2 | 2 |
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| **Race 15** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **14:00** | 1 | Yap | 02:10.5 | 1 |
| FINAL | 2 | Palau | 02:15.1 | 3 |
|  | 3 | CNMI | 02:15.7 | 4 |
|  | 4 | Guam | 02:14.1 | 2 |
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| **Women Open 500 V6** | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |
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| **Race 8** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **12:15** | 1 | Pohnpei | 02:45.0 | 3 |
| Semi Final 1 | 2 | Palau | 02:31.9 | 1Q |
|  | 3 | Kosrae | 02:42.3 | 2 |
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| **Race 10** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **12:45** | 1 | Guam | 02:36.7 | 1Q |
| Semi Final 2 | 2 | Yap | 02:48.8 | 3 |
|  | 3 | CNMI | 02:38.6 | 2 |
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| **Race 12** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **13:15** | 1 | Yap | 02:51.6 | 4 |
| Repechage | 2 | Pohnpei | 02:45.6 | 3 |
|  | 3 | CNMI | 02:43.6 | 2q |
|  | 4 | Kosrae | 02:43.3 | 1q |
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| **Race 16** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **14:15** | 1 | Kosrae | 02:40.8 | 2 |
| FINAL | 2 | CNMI | 02:45.8 | 4 |
|  | 3 | Palau | 02:34.1 | 1 |
|  | 4 | Guam | 02:43.5 | 3 |

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| **V6 - Men Open**  **15 Mile** | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |
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| **Race 17** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **11:15** | 1 | Yap | 02:16:14.1 | 1 |
| Final | 2 | CNMI | 02:17:42.2 | 2 |
|  | 3 | Pohnpei | 02:18:25.1 | 3 |
|  | 4 | Guam | 02:24:33.2 | 4 |
|  | 5 | Kosrae | DQ | 5 |
|  | 6 | Palau | DNF | 6 |
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| **V6 - Women Open 10 Mile** | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |
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| **Race 18** | **Lane** | **Team** | **Time** | **Placing** |
| **14:15** | 1 | Palau | 01:25:39.8 | 1 |
| Final | 2 | Pohnpei | 01:30:36.3 | 2 |
|  | 3 | Guam | 01:31:21.9 | 3 |
|  | 4 | CNMI | 01:32:14.6 | 4 |
|  | 5 | Kosrae | 01:36:47.8 | 5 |
|  | 6 | Yap | 01:37:27.1 | 6 |
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**Medal Tally – Va’a Final**

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| **Team** | **Gold** | **Silver** | **Bronze** | **Total** |
| Palau | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Yap | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Guam | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| CNMI | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Pohnpei | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Kosrae | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |