



PRESS RELEASE

SAILAU – an adventure film with purpose

The Darwin-based Danish adventurer Thor F. Jensen, who is known for his award-winning sea kayak films, is back with a new feature-length documentary set to challenge the stereotypes of New Guinea and push the boundaries of the adventure genre.

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/a5fl1W6silU>

As Thor explains, “I wanted to make a film in collaboration with the locals, to make a story for both a Western and a Pacific audience.”

Featuring Papua New Guinea master sailors Sanakoli John, Justin John and Job Siyae, the film covers the crew’s attempt to circumnavigate New Guinea island in a traditional Sailau canoe – a world first.

It’s a gritty, salt-stained odyssey – 13 months, 6,300 kilometres, countless close calls – following the rugged coastline through thunderstorms, bewitched reefs and internal conflicts.

The journey expands the worldviews of the Danish and Papuan protagonists, inspires the nation of Papua New Guinea and introduces the audience to a new take on grand expeditions .

Social impact campaign

“If you have the means to pull off a great expedition, then you also have the means to give back to the people whose lands and seas you visit,” Thor emphasises.

SAILAU is planned to premiere at film festivals in Australia and across Oceania this year, and a mobile version of the film will be circulated freely in the Pacific region.

On the back of the film, sailors Justin and Sanakoli John have established PNG's first school for building and sailing traditional Sailau canoes - Pasana Group - and will tour the country in collaboration with PNG National Film Institute, screening SAILAU in schools and speaking on the importance of PNG cultural heritage.

You can stay updated on festival dates and the social impact campaign on [facebook.com/sailaufilm](https://www.facebook.com/sailaufilm)

PR package: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0otttbciv12n3mz/AAA5fyKam_61Hwf2V6d3ECr8a?dl=0

Trailer on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/a5fl1W6silU>

Download Trailer:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/yw4crin1jynabcs/SAILAU%20trailer%20HD%20.m4v?dl=0>

Website: sailaufilm.com

Book Website: saltwaterandspeartips.com

BIO: Thor F. Jensen

Born Copenhagen 1981, is a Danish adventurer, TV-host, filmmaker and illustrator. He is a world record holding explorer who has produced two award-winning adventure documentaries and authored of the book Salt Water and Spear Tips, as well as articles about outdoor life and filmmaking. Thor is a member of the Adventurers' Club of Denmark.

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