



Western Pacific Maritime Academy

Biography



CECILIO RAIULIULIPIY, TRUSTEE Traditional Master Navigator

Cecilio Raiuliuliyi is a Traditional Master Navigator, having achieved that honor in 2018 following the ancient traditions of his craft and culture. There are only a dwindling group of remaining Traditional Master Navigators who carry on the traditions and skills of the great west pacific seafarers who plied these ancient waters.

Cecilio lives with his wife Lorain on family-owned land in Saipan and raised three boys and three girls who are now grown, and scattered around the globe with their own families and careers.

His company, Mariana Waterworks, manages various water treatment facilities on Saipan including at the Hospital. He also operates 'Lucky Harvest,' a 50-foot traditional Japanese fishing vessel that supports inter inland trade between Saipan, Tinian Rota and Guam with essential good, produce, medicine and sundries.

Cecilio believes he was born circa 1972 in a time where birth certificates were not issued, and he was raised by his extended family on the Micronesian island of Satawal. Cecilio shares how the Vaka Motu can help Pacific Islanders live their culture while safely meeting their ocean transportation needs. Among his many accomplishments, He leads the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council for 20 year and he is the Chairman of the Board of Tasi to Table. In 2015 he received the national Humanities Award for sharing the knowledge of the Master Voyagers, and through his company, conducts semi-annual water treatment plant training for the peoples of the western pacific islands.

Cecilio wishes more than anything else to recruit more navigations to preserve the ancient skills for seafaring the western Pacific waters and to teach both traditional navigation skills and a lifestyle seeks harmony with the fullness of nature. He believes that Western Pacific Marine Academy can play a role in helping introduce the ancient skills and lifestyle to our youth and future leaders.

For more information on the art of the Great Voyagers, watch this You Tube video:

[\(2\) Cecilio Raiuliuliyi's individual interview for the "Traditional Navigation and Seamanship" - YouTube](#)