



# Sakman

## Chamorro Flying Proa

Once the fastest sailing vessel in the world, the sakman was a traditional sailing canoe of the Chamorro people from the Mariana Islands (Pacific islands in the area of Micronesia). The largest of these sailing canoes were capable of speeds in excess of 20 knots. With European domination and control of the Mariana Islands, the sakmans were basically extinct by the mid 1700's.

The sakman on display here at the Maritime Museum is a recreation (from detailed drawings made 269 years ago) of this unique type of vessel. A group of dedicated descendants of the originators of this sailing canoe carved this one from a single redwood tree in about one year.

### Specifications:

47' long with a 2.5' beam

Mast stands 30' tall

Outrigger is 24' long

Sail area is 425 sq. ft.

Dry weight is 5600 lbs

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