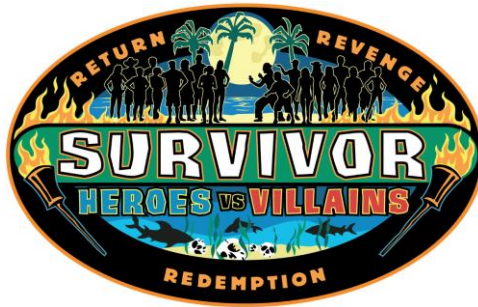














Season 20: Heroes vs. Villains







Season No.:	20
Filming Location:	Upolu, Samoa
Filming Dates:	August 9, 2009 - September 16, 2009
Season Run:	February 11, 2010 - May 16, 2010
No. of Episodes:	15
No. of Days:	39
No. of Castaways:	20
Winner:	Sandra Diaz-Twine
Runner(s)-Up:	Parvati Shallow Russell Hantz
Tribes:	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Heroes</div> <div style="background-color: #E31A1C; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Villains</div> <div style="background-color: #000000; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Yin Yang</div> </div>



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Sugar Kiper 30, Los Angeles, CA <i>Gabon</i>	Heroes		1st Voted Out Day 3	9
 Stephenie LaGrossa 29, Philadelphia, PA <i>Palau & Guatemala</i>	Heroes		2nd Voted Out Day 6	6
 Randy Bailey 50, Austin, TX <i>Gabon</i>	Villains		3rd Voted Out Day 8	9
 Cirie Fields 39, Norwalk, CT <i>Panama & Micronesia</i>	Heroes		4th Voted Out Day 11	3

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Tom Westman 45, New York City, NY <i>Palau</i>	Heroes		5th Voted Out Day 14	8
 Tyson Apostol 30, Heber City, UT <i>Tocantins</i>	Villains		6th Voted Out Day 15	3
 James Clement 32, Lafayette, LA <i>China & Micronesia</i>	Heroes		7th Voted Out Day 15	7
 Rob Mariano 33, Pensacola, FL <i>Marquesas & All-Stars</i>	Villains		8th Voted Out Day 18	5
 Coach Wade 38, Susanville, CA <i>Tocantins</i>	Villains		9th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 21	4
 Courtney Yates 28, New York City, NY <i>China</i>	Villains		10th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 24	9
 J.T. Thomas 25, Mobile, AL <i>Tocantins</i>	Heroes	Yin Yang	11th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 27	5
 Amanda Kimmel 25, Los Angeles, CA <i>China & Micronesia</i>	Heroes		12th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 30	10
 Candice Woodcock 26, Washington, D.C. <i>Cook Islands</i>	Heroes		13th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 31	5
 Danielle DiLorenzo 28, Los Angeles, CA <i>Panama</i>	Villains		14th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 33	4
 Rupert Boneham 45, Indianapolis, IN <i>Pearl Islands & All-Stars</i>	Heroes		15th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 36	10
 Colby Donaldson 35, Los Angeles, CA <i>The Australian Outback & All-Stars</i>	Heroes		16th Voted Out 8th Jury Member Day 37	7

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Jerri Manthey 38, Los Angeles, CA <i>The Australian Outback & All-Stars</i></p>	Villains		17th Voted Out 9th Jury Member Day 38	9
 <p>Russell Hantz 38, Dayton, TX <i>Samoa</i></p>	Villains		Second Runner-Up	5
 <p>Parvati Shallow 28, Los Angeles, CA <i>Cook Islands & Micronesia</i></p>	Villains		Runner-Up	8
 <p>Sandra Diaz-Twine 35, Fayetteville, NC <i>Pearl Islands</i></p>	Villains		Sole Survivor	3

Casting: According to Probst, the production initially selected 50 players from the past seasons, paring those down to twenty and keeping one spot open for a possible player from Samoa. Some selections were made to match players that production thought would be exciting to see, according to casting director Lynne Spillman. While the players had been classified as Heroes or Villains, Survivor creator Mark Burnett did not expect these players to maintain these roles in the game, and to do what they need to survive to the end. Richard Hatch, the winner of the original season, Survivor: Borneo, was asked to return for this season. However, he had to apply to leave the country since he was under house arrest. His request was denied by a federal judge in Rhode Island. Corinne Kaplan of Survivor: Gabon and Shane Powers of Survivor: Panama were also asked to return, but Corinne declined due to work obligations while Shane was replaced by Russell Hantz. Due to the back-to-back filming of Samoa and this season, the other players did not have an opportunity to see Russell Hantz' gameplay in Samoa; however, the players were told by the production crew that Hantz was considered "one of the five most notorious male villains of all time" prior to the start of the game.

Logo: Rather than the usual slogan "Outwit, Outplay, Outlast", the slogan for this season is "Return, Revenge, Redemption". This season's logo featured silhouettes of the castaways from the Heroes and Villains tribes.

Bufs: A misprint during the production of the Heroes vs. Villains Bufs resulted to an accidental pink Buff. The limited edition Buff, which only has 100 in stock, is made available for purchase

Challenges: All challenges in this season were based on challenges used in previous seasons.

Hidden Immunity Idol: Two idols were hidden for the contestants to find, one at each camp. This season holds the record for the most Hidden Immunity Idols played, with six (four successfully negated votes, of which three influenced the outcome of that Tribal Council).

Double Tribal Council: On Day 15, both tribes competed for individual immunity for an elimination later that night.

Expanded Jury and Final Three: The Final Tribal Council had a Final Three and a nine-person jury, including two jurors from the pre-merge portion of the game.

Days Played: Amanda Kimmel is the first player to achieve the record of playing Survivor for 100 days, achieving this milestone on Day 22.

Winner: This season marks the first time a previous winner has won for the second time: Sandra Diaz-Twine.

Earthquake and Tsunami: After filming, the Survivor medical team stayed in Samoa to aid the locals who were affected by the 2009 Samoan earthquake and tsunami.

Season 20 Summary:

The twenty returning castaways were pre-divided into two tribes of ten based on their previous style of gameplay. The Villains dominated the earlier challenges due to Rob Mariano's leadership, only going to Tribal Council once in the first 14 days, and the Heroes were quickly whittled down to six members. The Villains tribe was divided into two factions: Rob's alliance of six, and the minority alliance of Russell Hantz, Parvati Shallow, and Danielle DiLorenzo. At a Double Tribal Council, Rob's alliance decided to split the vote between Russell and Parvati out of fear of the Hidden Immunity Idol which Russell had found. Rob's right-hand man Tyson Apostol, knowing that the minority alliance was voting for him, became uneasy and deviated from the plan, voting for Parvati instead of Russell. This error would prove fatal; Russell decided to play his Idol on Parvati, negating the four votes against her, and Tyson was voted out. The Villains lost the next Immunity Challenge and, due to Jerri Manthey aligning with Russell and Coach Wade's inability to pick a side, Rob was voted out.

During the challenges after Rob's elimination, the Heroes were led to believe that the women of the Villains tribe were methodically eliminating the men. J.T. Thomas found the Heroes' second Hidden Immunity Idol, and gave it to Russell, the last male Villain remaining, with hopes that Russell would use it to eliminate Parvati and align with the Heroes at the merge. Instead, Russell shared the idol with his alliance, unaware that Parvati and Danielle had also found the Villains' second Hidden Immunity Idol. Without Rob, the Villains lost the next two Immunity Challenges, leaving Sandra Diaz-Twine as the last remaining Villain outside of Russell's alliance of four.

With five Heroes and five Villains remaining, the tribes merged into the Yin Yang tribe. While the Heroes believed Russell was on their side, Sandra attempted to warn Rupert Boneham of Russell's distrustful behavior. Ultimately, the Heroes ignored Sandra's warnings, voting for Jerri as she was considered the least likely to have a Hidden Immunity Idol. Parvati played both idols on Jerri and Sandra to gain their loyalty, negating the Heroes' votes, sending J.T. out of the game, and giving the Villains the majority. Despite several attempts to align with the Villains, the remaining Heroes were consistently eliminated. However, after Russell realized that Parvati and Danielle's true loyalty was to each other, Russell betrayed Danielle, working with the remaining Heroes to vote her out. After this, the final Heroes were eliminated, leaving Sandra, Russell, Parvati, and Jerri as the final four. Russell, having won the Final Immunity Challenge, felt he would have a better chance in the Final Tribal Council against Sandra (whom he felt did little in the game) over Jerri, making her the final player voted out. This would ultimately be his downfall.

At Final Tribal Council, the jury blasted Russell for his numerous betrayals and poor social game, and he would go on to receive no votes. While Parvati was acknowledged for her strong challenge performances, she was criticized for her association with Russell. Sandra was able to win over the Heroes' votes by pointing out that she tried to help them vote out the Villains and remained the last of Rob's core alliance. Sandra won the title of Sole Survivor over Parvati and Russell, 6–3–0 respectively, and became the first two-time Survivor winner.









Season 21: Nicaragua





Season No.:	21
Filming Location:	San Juan del Sur, Rivas, Nicaragua
Filming Dates:	June 14, 2010 - July 22, 2010
Season Run:	September 15, 2010 - December 19, 2010
No. of Episodes:	16
No. of Days:	39
No. of Castaways:	20
Winner:	Fabio Birza
Runner(s)-Up:	Chase Rice Sash Lenahan
Tribes:	Espada La Flor Libertad



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Wendy DeSmidt-Kohlhoff 48, Fromberg, MT Goat Rancher	Espada			1st Voted Out Day 3	9
 Shannon Elkins 30, Lafayette, LA Pest Control Company Owner	La Flor			2nd Voted Out Day 6	7
 Jimmy Johnson 67, Islamorada, FL Former NFL Coach	Espada			3rd Voted Out Day 8	8
 Jimmy Tarantino 48, Gloucester, MA Commercial Fisherman	Espada			4th Voted Out Day 11	5

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Tyrone Davis 42, Inglewood, CA Fire Captain	Espada	Espada		5th Voted Out Day 14	6
 Kelly Bruno 26, Durham, NC Medical Student	La Flor	La Flor		6th Voted Out Day 15	8
 Yve Rojas 41, Kansas City, MO Homemaker	Espada	Espada		7th Voted Out Day 15	7
 Jill Behm 43, Erie, PA ER Doctor	Espada	La Flor		8th Voted Out Day 18	3
 Alina Wilson 23, Downey, CA Art Student	La Flor	Espada		9th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 22	10
 Marty Piombo 48, Mill Valley, CA Technology Executive	Espada	La Flor		10th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 24	15
 Brenda Lowe 27, Miami, FL Paddleboard Company Owner	La Flor	La Flor		11th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 27	13
 NaOnka Mixon 27, Los Angeles, CA PE Teacher	La Flor	Espada		Quit 4th Jury Member Day 28	3
 Kelly Shinn 20, Mesa, AZ Nursing Student	La Flor	La Flor		Quit 5th Jury Member Day 28	0
 Benry Henry 24, Los Angeles, CA Club Promoter	La Flor	Espada		12th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 32	5
 Jane Bright 56, Jackson Springs, NC Dog Trainer	Espada	La Flor	Libertad	13th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 36	11
 Dan Lembo 63, Water Mill, NY Real Estate Executive	Espada	Espada	Libertad	14th Voted Out 8th Jury Member Day 37	9

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Holly Hoffman 44, Eureka, SD Swim Coach	Espada	Espada		15th Voted Out 9th Jury Member Day 38	4
 Sash Lenahan 30, New York City, NY Real Estate Broker	La Flor	La Flor		Second Runner-Up	2
 Chase Rice 24, Fairview, NC Professional Racecar Jackman	La Flor	Espada		Runner-Up	1
 Fabio Birza 21, Venice, CA Student	La Flor	La Flor		Sole Survivor	2

Old vs. Young: The 20 contestants were divided up into two tribes based on their ages. The Espada tribe featured contestants over the age of 40, and the La Flor tribe included contestants aged 30 years and younger. The producers deemed that they had a good slate of competitive older people, so they expected that the "Battle of the Ages" format would not bow to the younger tribe's sheer strength.

Hidden Immunity Idol: One idol was hidden at both tribe camps. Realizing that idols have been found too easily the past two seasons (notoriously often by Russell Hantz), the clues of the idol's location would be rebus puzzles rather than textual. They dubbed it as "The Russell Factor." Both idols were usable up until the Day 36 Tribal Council.

Medallion of Power: The two tribes also vied for a new item, the Medallion of Power. The tribe that currently held the Medallion would have an option to have an advantage in challenges (i.e. shortcuts, less workload, etc.). They could either use it or save it until the next challenge. However, once the Medallion was utilized, regardless of whether the host tribe won or lost the challenge, they had to surrender it to the rival tribe. The premise of the Medallion was to further even up the playing field for the tribes defined by age. After the tribe switch, the Medallion was retired.

Less Physical Challenges: Aside from the Medallion of Power, challenges in this season were more innovative and less physical, due to the Old vs. Young format. Instead of sheer strength, the majority of the challenges required teamwork to win. Jeff Probst said: "It's way less physical this season, so there will be no wrestling on the beach. Our challenge department has come up with some inventive ideas that are fair, still take skill and still take strategy. They're going to be the kind of things you think would be fun to do."

Tribe Switch: Selected tribe members were transferred to the rival tribe.

Double Tribal Council: Both tribes went to Tribal Council and voted somebody out, with one member of both tribes possessing individual Immunity.

Early Merge: Similar to Survivor: Samoa, the tribes merged with twelve people still in the game.

Final Three and Expanded Jury: Instead of the conventional Final Two facing the jury of seven, the Day 39 Tribal Council was held with a Final Three facing a nine-person jury.

Tribal Council: This season's Tribal Council set is patterned from a destroyed church, with a mock graveyard pathway where the eliminated castaways walk after being voted out.

Disability: Kelly Bruno is an amputee.

Quit: The season is perhaps most notorious for its twelfth Tribal Council, which featured two castaways quitting together: NaOnka Mixon and Kelly Shin. This incident resulted in permanent alterations to the Survivor Rulebook to discourage quitting.

Season 21 Summary:

Twenty new castaways were divided into tribes by age: the younger La Flor, and the older Espada. Both tribes also vied for ownership of the newly introduced Medallion of Power, which granted them an advantage when played in challenges. At Espada, several members of the tribe such as Jimmy Johnson and Jimmy Tarantino vied for leadership as Marty Piombo stealthily built an alliance along with close ally Jill Behm.

Despite dominating in challenges, La Flor also had their own share of conflicts. Two warring alliances (one led by Shannon Elkins, and the other led by Brenda Lowe and Sash Lenahan) emerged, with both alliances vying for Chase Rice's vote. A confused Shannon lashed out at Tribal Council, making some of his alliance members and Chase to turn on him, causing his elimination instead. The remnants of Shannon's group found themselves at the mercy of the majority alliance. Not only did they have the numbers, but Brenda and NaOnka Mixon successfully found their Hidden Immunity Idol, leaving them more vulnerable. However, their supposed eliminations were put on hold, as La Flor went on to win two more Immunity Challenges.

On Day 12, a Tribe Switch caused allegiances to shift. At the new Espada, Holly Hoffman bonded with her new tribemates, and formed an alliance with them. At the new La Flor, the once-powerful Marty fell from grace, thanks to Jane Bright flipping to Brenda's alliance. Marty narrowly escaped the swapped tribe by giving Sash his Hidden Immunity Idol. On Day 19, the two tribes were merged into the Libertad tribe.

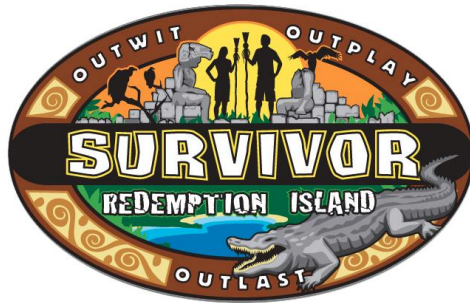
Sash and Brenda took control of Libertad, finally eliminating Marty. Seeing that Brenda was controlling the game, Holly made her move by turning everybody else on Brenda (who hoped that Sash would give her his Idol), causing her demise. Brenda's elimination, along with the voluntary exits of Kelly Shinn and NaOnka, left Sash alone and without allies. However, Sash became the swing vote and managed to find a new alliance in Holly, Chase, and Jane. After voting out the untrustworthy Benry Henry, the new formed majority alliance planned to eliminate Fabio Birza next, but he went on to win the last three Immunity Challenges, ending up in the Final Three along with Chase and Sash, who were forced to turn on Jane and Holly.

At the Final Tribal Council, Sash was ignored by the jury because of his numerous deceptions; while Chase was castigated for his indecisiveness at several points during the game. Fabio on the other hand was chastised by the other two for seemingly coasting throughout the game, but he rebutted that he did that on purpose to not hurt anybody's feelings, and still stay longer in the game. In the end, Fabio's unconventional strategy earned him the title of Sole Survivor by a 5-4-0 vote over Chase and Sash.









Season 22: Redemption Island






Season No.:	22
Filming Location:	San Juan del Sur, Rivas, Nicaragua
Filming Dates:	August 16, 2010 - September 23, 2010
Season Run:	February 16, 2011 - May 15, 2011
No. of Episodes:	15
No. of Days:	39
No. of Castaways:	18
Winner:	Rob Mariano
Runner(s)-Up:	Phillip Sheppard Natalie Tenerelli
Tribes:	Ometepe Zapatera Murlonio



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Redemption Island Status	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe			
 Francesca Hogi 36, Washington, D.C. Attorney	Ometepe		1st Voted Out Day 3	1st Eliminated Day 6	4
 Russell Hantz 37, Dayton, TX <i>Samoa & Heroes vs. Villains</i>	Zapatera		3rd Voted Out Day 8	2nd Eliminated Day 10	8
 Kristina Kell 46, Malibu, CA Law Student	Ometepe		4th Voted Out Day 11	3rd Eliminated Day 12	9
 Krista Klumpp 25, Columbia, SC Pharmaceutical Representative	Zapatera		5th Voted Out Day 13	4th Eliminated Day 14	6

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Redemption Island Status	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe			
 Stephanie Valencia 28, Long Beach, CA Waitress	Zapatera		6th Voted Out Day 16	5th Eliminated Day 17	8
 Sarita White 36, Santa Monica, CA Visual Effects Producer	Zapatera		7th Voted Out Day 18	6th Eliminated Day 19	6
 David Murphy 31, West Hollywood, CA Defense Attorney	Zapatera		10th Voted Out Day 24	7th Eliminated 1st Jury Member Day 25	8
 Julie Wolfe 50, Oceanside, CA Firefighter	Zapatera		11th Voted Out Day 27	8th Eliminated 2nd Jury Member Day 28	6
 Steve Wright 51, Huntington Beach, CA Ex-NFL Player	Zapatera		13th Voted Out Day 30	9th Eliminated 3rd Jury Member Day 31	9
 Ralph Kiser 45, Lebanon, VA Farmer	Zapatera		12th Voted Out Day 30	10th Eliminated 4th Jury Member Day 33	10
 Grant Mattos 29, West Hollywood, CA Ex-NFL Player	Ometepe		15th Voted Out Day 35	11th Eliminated 5th Jury Member Day 36	10
 Matt Elrod 22, Nashville, TN Pre-Med Student	Ometepe		2nd Voted Out Day 5	1st Returnee Day 19	10
			8th Voted Out Day 21	12th Eliminated 6th Jury Member Day 36	
 Mike Chiesl 31, Del Mar, CA Iraq War Veteran	Zapatera	Murfonio	9th Voted Out Day 22	13th Eliminated 7th Jury Member Day 36	6
 Andrea Boehlke 21, Random Lake, WI Student	Ometepe		14th Voted Out Day 32	2nd Returnee Day 36	9
			16th Voted Out 8th Jury Member Day 37		
 Ashley Underwood 25, Benton, ME Nurse	Ometepe		17th Voted Out 9th Jury Member Day 38		3

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Redemption Island Status	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe			
 Natalie Tenerelli 19, Acton, CA Professional Dancer	Ometepe		Second Runner-Up		1
 Phillip Sheppard 52, Santa Monica, CA Former Federal Agent	Ometepe		Runner-Up		17
 Rob Mariano 34, Pensacola, FL <i>Marquesas, All-Stars, & Heroes vs. Villains</i>	Ometepe		Sole Survivor		7

Rules: After the controversial inclusion of NaOnka Mixon and Kelly Shinn to the jury after their simultaneous voluntary exits in the previous season, Mark Burnett has stated that starting from this season, post-merge quitters may or may not be put on the jury. This decision will be decided by the producers before the next Tribal Council, where the jurors will watch its proceedings. According to Burnett, "It's very unlikely any quitter will be on the jury again."

Redemption Island: In a drastic, game-changing twist, when a player gets voted out from Tribal Council, that player will not be eliminated right away. Instead, they will go to Redemption Island, where they will fend for themselves during their entire stay. When the next person gets voted out, the two players will compete in a "duel". The winner gets to stay at the island, while the loser is eliminated from the game for good. At a certain point, the last person standing on Redemption Island will return to the main game and will continue his/her pursuit of the one million dollar prize and the title of Sole Survivor.



Challenges: In the advent of the Redemption Island duels, this is the first season to have no standalone Reward Challenges. Redemption Island took up the first challenge of each episode, so this season featured several challenges that were for both reward and immunity. Also, this is the second time a tribe which threw an Immunity Challenge ended up outnumbered at the merge due to the loss. The first time it happened was to Sook Jai in Survivor: Thailand.

Two Returning Contestants: Rob Mariano and Russell Hantz returned as contestants to settle their heated rivalry during Survivor: Heroes vs. Villains.

Hidden Immunity Idol: Hidden Immunity Idols were available this season, with one hidden at each camp.

Early Merge: This season merged with twelve castaways in the game.

New Camp for Merger: This is the first time since *Survivor: The Amazon* where the merged tribe lived in an entirely new camp, rather than using either of the existing camps.

Double Elimination: On Day 30, Murlonio was subjected to a double elimination, where two castaways were eliminated after two rounds of voting.

Tribal Council: This was the first season to have a three-way tie at Tribal Council.

Final Three and Expanded Jury: A Final Three faced a jury of nine.

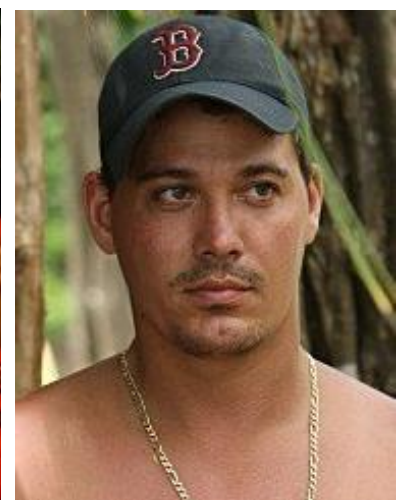
Season 22 Summary:

Sixteen new castaways, previously divided into two tribes, Ometepe and Zapatera, were joined by returning contestants, Rob Mariano and Russell Hantz, with Rob joining Ometepe and Russell joining Zapatera by random draw. The tribes were then told about Redemption Island, a secluded location where voted out players would go to compete in challenges for a chance to be brought back into the game.

Rob quickly proved to be leader in Ometepe, and kept wary of the Hidden Immunity Idol, including sending one of his own alliance, Matt Elrod, to Redemption Island while trying to flush it out. On Zapatera, the bulk of the tribe recognized the threat that Russell could be, throwing a challenge in order to vote Russell out; Russell would lose to Matt at the next Redemption Island challenge. Matt would continue to win several more duels against several Zapatera players after Ometepe dominated the challenges, while Zapatera suffered due to the loss of cohesion within their tribe.

The tribes merged with twelve players left in the game, including Matt, who returned from Redemption Island. Matt discussed blindsiding Rob with the former Zapatera members, however he eventually decided against it, telling this to Rob in an attempt to prove his loyalty. Despite this, Rob decided Matt could not be trusted, using his alliance to send Matt back to Redemption Island, establishing a firm Ometepe majority. The former Ometepe tribe used their numerical advantage to completely eliminate the remaining former members of Zapatera, before having to turn on themselves. Rob orchestrated the eliminations of those whom he felt would be threatening to him, including close allies Andrea Boehlke and Grant Mattos. Though Andrea would return to the game from Redemption Island, she was unable to secure any other alliances, and was voted out a second time. Rob's plans were nearly derailed by Ashley Underwood's immunity run, but Rob managed to win immunity on Day 38 to send her to the jury and complete his ideal Final Three scenario. Ultimately, the Final Three were Rob, Natalie Tenerelli, and Phillip Sheppard.

At the Final Tribal Council, Natalie was criticized for simply following in Rob's footsteps, Phillip was chastised for his behavior, while Rob was criticized for his cutthroat gameplay. Rob, after 117 days of fighting in the game over four seasons, was voted the Sole Survivor receiving 8 of the 9 jury votes, while Phillip received one vote.









Season 23: South Pacific






Season No.:	23
Filming Location:	Upolu, Samoa
Filming Dates:	May 30, 2011 - July 7, 2011
Season Run:	September 14, 2011 - December 18, 2011
No. of Episodes:	15
No. of Days:	39
No. of Castaways:	18
Winner:	Sophie Clarke
Runner(s)-Up:	Coach Wade Albert Destrade
Tribes:	Savaii Upolu Te Tuna



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Redemption Island Status	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe			
 Semhar Tadesse 24, Los Angeles, CA Spoken Word Artist	Savaii		1st Voted Out Day 3	1st Eliminated Day 6	8
 Mark Caruso 48, Forest Hills, NY Retired NYPD Detective	Savaii		3rd Voted Out Day 8	2nd Eliminated Day 9	6
 Stacey Powell 44, Grand Prairie, TX Mortician	Upolu		4th Voted Out Day 11	3rd Eliminated Day 12	10
 Elyse Umemoto 27, Las Vegas, NV Dance Team Manager	Savaii		5th Voted Out Day 14	4th Eliminated Day 15	3

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Redemption Island Status	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe			
 Mikayla Wingle 22, Tampa, FL Lingerie Football Player	Upolu		6th Voted Out Day 16	5th Eliminated Day 17	4
 Christine Shields Markoski 39, Merrick, NY Teacher	Upolu		2nd Voted Out Day 5	6th Eliminated Day 19	4
 Jim Rice 35, Denver, CO Medical Marijuana Dispenser	Savaii		10th Voted Out Day 24	7th Eliminated 1st Jury Member Day 25	8
 Keith Tollefson 28, Edina, MN Water Treatment Technician	Savaii		8th Voted Out Day 21	8th Eliminated 2nd Jury Member Day 25	12
 Dawn Meehan 41, South Jordan, UT English Professor	Savaii		11th Voted Out Day 27	9th Eliminated 3rd Jury Member Day 28	9
 Whitney Duncan 27, Nashville, TN Country Music Singer	Savaii		12th Voted Out Day 27	10th Eliminated 4th Jury Member Day 28	7
 John Cochran 24, Washington, D.C. Harvard Law Student	Savaii		13th Voted Out Day 30	11th Eliminated 5th Jury Member Day 31	13
 Edna Ma 35, Los Angeles, CA Anesthesiologist	Upolu		14th Voted Out Day 32	12th Eliminated 6th Jury Member Day 33	15
 Brandon Hantz 19, Katy, TX Oil Tanker Crewman	Upolu	Te Tuna	15th Voted Out Day 35	13th Eliminated 7th Jury Member Day 36	4
 Rick Nelson 51, Aurora, UT Rancher	Upolu		16th Voted Out 8th Jury Member Day 37		15
 Ozzy Lusth 30, Venice, CA <i>Cook Islands & Micronesia</i>	Savaii		7th Voted Out Day 18	1st Returnee Day 19	17
			9th Voted Out Day 22	2nd Returnee Day 36	
			17th Voted Out 9th Jury Member Day 38		

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Redemption Island Status	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe			
 Albert Destrade 28, Plantation, FL Baseball/Dating Coach	Upolu		Second Runner-Up		1
 Coach Wade 39, Susanville, CA <i>Tocantins & Heroes vs. Villains</i>	Upolu		Runner-Up		0
 Sophie Clarke 22, Willsboro, NY Medical Student	Upolu		Sole Survivor		5

Redemption Island: Redemption Island returned this season, but with new tweaks. During "group duels," or duels that have more than two competitors, only one winner stays, sending all the other contestants home.

One Returning Player Per Tribe: Two former contestants returned to compete in this season. Former castaways Coach Wade and Ozzy Lusth joined this season's batch of contestants. Jeff Probst stated that their poor social skills had put them in jeopardy in their earlier seasons, and this would be their chance to improve in that aspect.

Challenges: Similar to the previous season, with the advent of the Redemption Island duels, this season featured several challenges for both reward and immunity. Only a single standalone Reward Challenge occurred during the season.

Hidden Immunity Idol: The clue to the Hidden Immunity Idol was hidden at camp. Once the clue was unearthed, the player would have a better chance of finding the idol.

Early Merge: This season merged with twelve castaways in the game.

Double Elimination: On Day 27, Te Tuna was subjected to a double elimination, where two castaways were eliminated after two rounds of voting.

Final Three and Expanded Jury: A Final Three faced a jury of nine.

Casting: This is the first season to feature a contestant who is a relative to a previous contestant; Brandon Hantz is a nephew to Russell Hantz.

Show Intro: This is currently the last season with a recap episode.

Season 23 Summary:

Sixteen new castaways, previously divided into two tribes, Savaii and Upolu, were joined by returning contestants, Ozzy Lusth and Coach Wade, with Ozzy joining Savaii and Coach joining Upolu by random draw. Redemption Island was again in play: voted out players would be sent to Redemption Island and participate in duels, with the winner remaining there until either the next duel or until two specific points where players were brought back into the game.

Both tribes rallied under the leadership of Ozzy and Coach. Ozzy's style was somewhat more aggressive, establishing a rift between the majority of his alliance and others, specifically the weaker John Cochran. Coach, having reflected on his

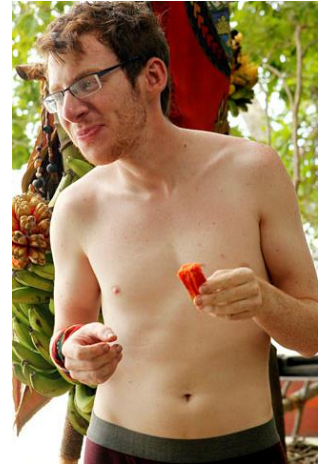
past performances on Survivor, had a more open style, which most of the group readily followed, including Brandon Hantz, who later revealed himself to be the nephew of former Survivor castaway Russell Hantz, and had feared revealing this to draw his tribe's ire. Both Ozzy and Coach also found their tribes' respective Hidden Immunity Idols.

The two tribes fared equally at challenges and retained similar numbers, and as they approached the perceived Merge, Ozzy offered a plan to volunteer to be voted to go to Redemption Island, where he would likely win the challenge over Christine Shields Markoski, a former Upolu member, assuring that the tribes would be equal at six members each when merged. This plan went as expected, and the newly merged tribe named themselves Te Tuna. However, Ozzy's former rash behavior to Cochran was seen as an opportunity by the former Upolu members, and they were able to turn Cochran to their side on the first vote after the merge, voting out former Savaii member Keith Tollefson. The Upolu members and Cochran would continue to dominate at Tribal Council, sending the remaining Savaii members to Redemption Island, starting with Ozzy, who dominated at Redemption Island subsequently.

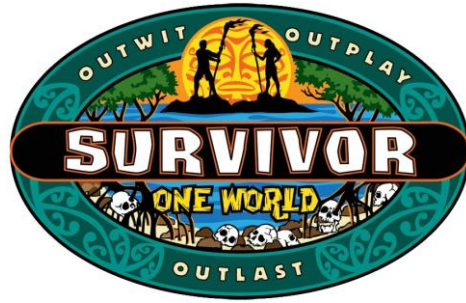
With no other Savaii members remaining, Cochran was voted out. At the final 6, Brandon won immunity but offered it to his closest ally Albert Destrade, who was the intended target of the vote. Brandon was voted out and defeated by Ozzy the next day at the final Redemption duel. Ozzy returned to the game and won the subsequent challenge; at Tribal Council, Sophie Clarke broke down into tears but affirmed her commitment to the game, and was spared. In the Final Immunity Challenge between Coach, Ozzy, Sophie, and Albert, Sophie was narrowly able to defeat Ozzy; and she and her former Upolu members voted off Ozzy for the third and final time.

Coach, Albert, and Sophie faced the Final Tribal Council, where Coach was criticized for manipulating his tribe while simultaneously preaching the importance of honor, Albert was considered to have given his former tribe members false hope, and Sophie was criticized for being condescending. The jury awarded Sophie the title of Sole Survivor over Coach and Albert in a 6-3-0 vote, respectively.






Season 24: One World





Season No.:	24
Filming Location:	Upolu, Samoa
Filming Dates:	August 1, 2011 - September 8, 2011
Season Run:	February 15, 2012 - May 13, 2012
No. of Episodes:	14
No. of Days:	39
No. of Castaways:	18
Winner:	Kim Spradlin
Runner(s)-Up:	Sabrina Thompson Chelsea Meissner
Tribes:	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px;">Manono</div> <div style="background-color: #4db6ac; padding: 2px;">Salani</div> <div style="background-color: #333; color: white; padding: 2px;">Tikiano</div> </div>



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Kourtney Moon 29, Austin, TX Motorcycle Repairwoman	Salani			Evacuated Day 3	0
 Nina Acosta 51, Clovis, CA Retired LAPD Officer	Salani			1st Voted Out Day 5	6
 Matt Quinlan 33, San Francisco, CA Attorney	Manono			2nd Voted Out Day 8	7
 Bill Posley 28, Venice, CA Stand-Up Comedian	Manono			3rd Voted Out Day 11	8

Contestant		Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
		Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
	Monica Culpepper 41, Tampa, FL Ex-NFL Player's Wife	Salani	Manono		4th Voted Out Day 14	5
	Colton Cumbie 21, Monroeville, AL Student	Manono	Manono		Evacuated Day 16	1
	Jonas Otsuji 37, Lehi, UT Sushi Chef	Manono	Manono		5th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 20	10
	Michael Jefferson 30, Seattle, WA Banker	Manono	Salani		6th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 22	9
	Jay Byars 25, Gaffney, SC Model	Manono	Salani		7th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 25	5
	Leif Manson 27, San Diego, CA Phlebotomist	Manono	Manono		8th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 27	5
	Troyzan Robertson 50, Miami, FL Swimsuit Photographer	Manono	Salani		9th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 30	6
	Kat Edorsson 22, Orlando, FL Timeshare Representative	Salani	Salani		10th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 33	7
	Tarzan Smith 64, Houston, TX Plastic Surgeon	Manono	Manono	Tikiano	11th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 36	12
	Alicia Rosa 25, Chicago, IL Special Education Teacher	Salani	Manono		12th Voted Out 8th Jury Member Day 37	5
	Christina Cha 29, West Hollywood, CA Career Consultant	Salani	Manono		13th Voted Out 9th Jury Member Day 38	9
	Chelsea Meissner 26, Charleston, SC Medical Saleswoman	Salani	Salani		Second Runner-Up	4

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Sabrina Thompson 33, Brooklyn, NY High-School Teacher</p>	Salani	Salani		Runner-Up	2
 <p>Kim Spradlin 29, San Antonio, TX Bridal Shop Owner</p>	Salani	Salani		Sole Survivor	3

One World Format: The two competing tribes, Manono and Salani, competed against each other while living together on the same beach. After the tribe switch and Reward Challenge on Day 12, the tribes were separated.

Battle of the Sexes: The cast was divided according to gender, similar to both Survivor: The Amazon and Survivor: Vanuatu. Salani and Manono were the all-women and all-men tribes respectively, before the tribe switch on Day 12. Relations between the men's tribe and the women's tribe were tense in the early game, with negotiations for even basic resources growing complex and embittered. Early alliances based almost exclusively on gender resulted. After the Tribe Switch, several members of the new, mixed-gender Salani tribe formed a secret alliance with the object of stealthily seizing power in the game. Kim Spradlin was at the nucleus of both this new alliance and the long-established women's alliance. After the merge, she and her collaborator Chelsea Meissner used this leverage to tip the numbers in favor of the women, after which point they recommitted to their original all-female alliance, which easily picked off all of the remaining men in the game. The two were joined by the charismatic Sabrina Thompson in the Final Three, but Kim's role as the season's dominant strategist earned her a 7-2-0 victory over Sabrina and Chelsea, allowing her to become the winner.

"Do-It-Yourself" Challenges: Similar to how a Reward Challenge in Survivor: Samoa was conducted, certain challenges would require the contestants to run the challenge themselves, with no host overseeing them.

Hidden Immunity Idol: Though there was only one camp, there were still two Hidden Immunity Idols, one per tribe. If someone found the other tribe's idol, they could use it. Instead, they had to give it to a member of the opposite tribe before the next Tribal Council. Furthermore, for the first time, no clues would be provided.

Tribe Switch: The tribes were switched on Day 12, mixing the men and the women.

Early Merge: This season merged with twelve castaways in the game.

Final Three and Expanded Jury: A Final Three faced a jury of nine.

Show Intro: This is the first season to not feature an intro containing clips of the castaways for 6 straight episodes. This is also the first season to not show the full intro until the season finale.

Medical Evacuation: Kourtney Moon was medically evacuated from the game on Day 3 (the earliest evacuation so far). As a result, there was no Tribal Council, and for the first time, the first person voted out of the game occurred in episode 2. Colton Cumbie was medically evacuated from the game for acute appendicitis.

Tribal Council: This is the second season to have an episode ("Two Tribes, One Camp, No Rules") with neither a completed challenge nor a Tribal Council vote, following "This Is the Man Test" in Samoa.

Rules: Colton Cumbie's dislike of Bill Posley actually stemmed from Bill throwing Colton's Hidden Immunity Idol into the ocean. This is a direct violation to the Survivor Rulebook, because the idols are considered as personal items, thus cannot be stolen. Leif Manson told Colton the incident, while production returned Colton's idol to him.

Season 24 Summary:

The 18 castaways were split into gender-based tribes and given maps to their camps, unaware they would lead to the same location. Despite living on the same beach, the tribes would remain split, building separate shelters and fending for their own tribe.

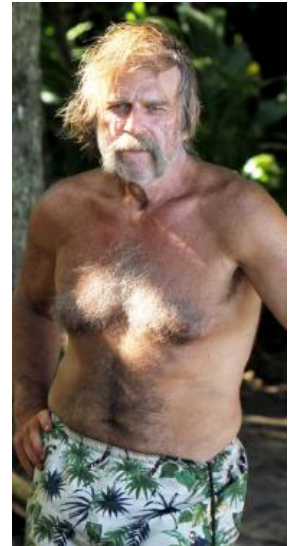
On the women's tribe, Salani, a five-person alliance was formed between Alicia Rosa, Chelsea Meissner, Kat Edorsson, Kim Spradlin, and Sabrina Thompson, who were able to control the votes on their tribe. Despite a strong start, the men (Manono) found difficulty with Colton Cumbie, an outspoken member of the tribe who was initially an outsider, often interacting with Salani instead. After Sabrina accidentally found Manono's Hidden Immunity Idol, she gave it to Colton, who used his new found power to overthrow Manono's dominant alliance and gain control of the tribe.

After a Tribe Switch, Colton found himself again in a position of power on the new Manono tribe, however he was medically evacuated from the game after being diagnosed with acute appendicitis. Meanwhile, on the new Salani tribe, Kim and Chelsea formed a second alliance with Jay Byars and Troyzan Robertson as a backup plan in case their original alliance failed.

Though the sexes entered the merge with equal numbers, the women decided to form a voting bloc. Jay and Troyzan chose to align with the women, betraying two of the men. With the women now in the majority, they eliminated the men until only Tarzan Smith was the last man remaining. However, Kat's unpredictability and youthful naivety was enough to convince Kim that keeping Kat around may be a bad idea, blindsiding Kat in a unanimous vote. With only six players remaining, Alicia wanted to vote Chelsea out, Kim convinced Alicia that Tarzan was planning to betray her, leading to his elimination. Then Kim, Sabrina, and Chelsea formed an alliance, and the three managed to make it to the finals together.

At the Final Tribal Council, the jury castigated Chelsea for acting as Kim's main pawn and lack of social play, and while they praised Sabrina for her social game, she was berated for her poor challenge performance and being lazy at camp. The jury blamed Kim for all of their eliminations, with Kim taking responsibility for every blindside. Ultimately, Kim won the title of Sole Survivor over Sabrina and Chelsea by a vote of 7-2-0.








Season 25: Philippines



Season No.:	25
Filming Location:	Caramoan, Camarines Sur, Philippines
Filming Dates:	March 17, 2012 - April 25, 2012
Season Run:	September 19, 2012 - December 16, 2012
No. of Episodes:	14
No. of Days:	39
No. of Castaways:	18
Winner:	Denise Stapley
Runner(s)-Up:	Lisa Whelchel Michael Skupin
Tribes:	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Kalabaw</div> <div style="background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Matsing</div> <div style="background-color: yellow; color: black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Tandang</div> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;">Dangrayne</div> </div>



	Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
		Original Tribe	Absorbed Tribe	Merged Tribe		
	Zane Knight 28, Danville, VA Tire Repairman	Matsing			1st Voted Out Day 3	5
	Roxy Morris 28, Brooklyn, NY Seminary Student	Matsing			2nd Voted Out Day 6	4
	Angie Layton 20, Provo, UT Model/Student	Matsing			3rd Voted Out Day 8	4
	Russell Swan 45, Glenside, PA <i>Samoa</i>	Matsing			4th Voted Out Day 10	4

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Absorbed Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Dana Lambert 32, Winston-Salem, NC Cosmetologist	Kalabaw	Kalabaw		Quit Day 12	0
 Sarah Dawson 28, Silver Spring, MD Insurance Saleswoman	Kalabaw	Kalabaw		5th Voted Out Day 13	5
 Katie Hanson 22, Newark, DE Former Miss Delaware	Kalabaw	Kalabaw		6th Voted Out Day 16	4
 RC Saint-Amour 27, New York City, NY Investment Banker	Tandang	Tandang		7th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 19	4
 Jeff Kent 44, Austin, TX Retired MLB Player	Kalabaw	Kalabaw		8th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 22	5
 Artis Silvester 53, Terrytown, LA Computer Engineer	Tandang	Tandang		9th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 25	5
 Pete Yurkowski 24, Holmdel, NJ Engineering Graduate	Tandang	Tandang		10th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 27	9
 Jonathan Penner 50, Los Angeles, CA <i>Cook Islands & Micronesia</i>	Kalabaw	Kalabaw		11th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 30	14
 Carter Williams 24, Shawnee, KS Track Coach	Kalabaw	Kalabaw	Dangrayne	12th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 33	5
 Abi-Maria Gomes 32, Los Angeles, CA Business Student	Tandang	Tandang		13th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 36	9
 Malcolm Freberg 25, Hermosa Beach, CA Bartender	Matsing	Tandang		14th Voted Out 8th Jury Member Day 38	6

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Absorbed Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Lisa Welchel 49, Dallas, TX Former TV Teen Star	Tandang	Tandang		Runners-Up	0
 Michael Skupin 50, White Lake, MI <i>The Australian Outback</i>	Tandang	Tandang			0
 Denise Stapley 41, Cedar Rapids, IA Sex Therapist	Matsing	Kalabaw		Sole Survivor	6

Three Tribes: For the first time since *Survivor: Cook Islands*, three tribes competed at the start of the season.

Returning Players: Three players returned to compete with a new batch of castaways. These returnees are former contestants who were medically evacuated from their respective seasons: Russell Swan, Johnathan Penner, and Michael Skupin. Coincidentally, all three returning players were evacuated in their respective season's sixth episodes.

Hidden Immunity Idol: Similar to *Survivor: China*, the idols were "hidden" in plain sight, with a clue hidden in the bottom of each tribe's rice. For the first time in *Survivor* history, three idols would be in play at the same time, one at each camp. The idol rested on top of the rice lid, disguised as a handle.

Tribe Absorption: On Day 11, the two remaining members of the Matsing tribe were absorbed in to the other two tribes.

Merge at 11: For the first time in *Survivor* history, the merge commenced with eleven players remaining, unlike the usual 10 or 12.

New Jury/Final Few Composition: This season is the first time to feature a Final Three with an eight-person jury.

Quit: Dana Lambert quit the game for medical reasons.

Casting: Lisa Welchel was a former child star on TV ("The Facts of Life").

Season 25 Summary:

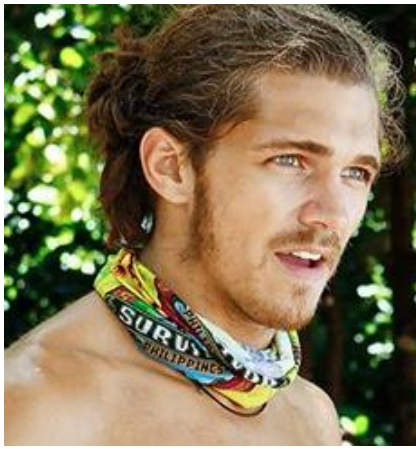
The fifteen new castaways were split into three tribes and then introduced to their final tribe members, three returning castaways that had been medically evacuated from their previous seasons: Michael Skupin was assigned to Tandang, Jonathan Penner to Kalabaw, and Russell Swan to Matsing. Matsing lost the first four Immunity Challenges, leaving only Malcolm Freberg, who had the tribe's Hidden Immunity Idol, and Denise Stapley, his closest ally since the start of the game.

After Matsing's dissolution, Malcolm was sent to Tandang and Denise to Kalabaw. Malcolm quickly integrated himself with Tandang's dominant alliance, led by Pete Yurkowski, while Denise aligned with an alliance led by Jeff Kent at Kalabaw, strained by Jeff's desire to eliminate returning players. Jonathan had found Kalabaw's Hidden Immunity Idol, using it as leverage to align with Jeff, while Abi-Maria Gomes had located Tandang's.

The tribes merged with Tandang holding the majority. Lisa Whelchel accidentally discovered Malcolm's Hidden Immunity Idol, and promised to keep it a secret if he agreed to take her and Denise to the end of the game. At the start of the merge, Pete's alliance took control and targeted the returning players, but Jonathan used his Idol to save himself. Lisa revealed the existence of Malcolm's idol to the others in an attempt to blindside him. However, after Malcolm successfully convinced the Tandang alliance that he was planning on playing his Idol, they voted out Jeff instead. Lisa and Michael, on the bottom of the Tandang alliance, eventually flipped sides, working with the remnants of Kalabaw and Matsing to eliminate the other former Tandang members. Soon after, a core alliance of Michael, Lisa, Malcolm, and Denise had formed, systematically eliminating the others. Despite winning an advantage in the Final Immunity Challenge, Malcolm failed to win immunity and he was subsequently voted out for being the largest jury threat.

All three finalists were berated by the jury at the Final Tribal Council: Lisa for claiming that she could not handle the pressures of the game, Michael for being strategically and socially inept and Denise for being condescending at times. However, Denise's argument, coupled with the fact that she was the first player in Survivor history to attend and survive every Tribal Council in the season proved to be the most effective, and she earned the title of Sole Survivor by a 6-1-1 vote.









Season 26: Caramoan – Fans vs. Favorites







Season No.:	26
Filming Location:	Caramoan, Camarines Sur, Philippines
Filming Dates:	May 21, 2012 - June 28, 2012
Season Run:	February 13, 2013 - May 12, 2013
No. of Episodes:	14
No. of Days:	39
No. of Castaways:	20
Winner:	John Cochran
Runner(s)-Up:	Dawn Meehan Sheri Biethman
Tribes:	Bikal Gota Enil Edam



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Francesca Hogi 38, Brooklyn, NY <i>Redemption Island</i>	Bikal			1st Voted Out Day 3	6
 Allie Pohevitz 25, Oceanside, NY Bartender	Gota			2nd Voted Out Day 5	6
 Hope Driskill 23, Jefferson City, MO Pre-Law Student	Gota			3rd Voted Out Day 7	8
 Shamar Thomas 27, Brooklyn, NY Iraq War Veteran	Gota			Evacuated Day 10	8

Contestant		Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
		Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
	Laura Alexander 23, Washington, D.C. Administrative Officer	Gota			4th Voted Out Day 10	6
	Brandon Hantz 20, Katy, TX <i>South Pacific</i>	Bikal			5th Voted Out Day 13	8
	Matt Bischoff 38, Cincinnati, OH BMX Bike Salesman	Gota	Bikal		6th Voted Out Day 16	4
	Julia Landauer 21, Stanford, CA Racecar Driver	Gota	Bikal		7th Voted Out Day 19	9
	Corinne Kaplan 33, Los Angeles, CA <i>Gabon</i>	Bikal	Bikal		8th Voted Out Day 22	7
	Michael Snow 44, New York City, NY Event Planner	Gota	Bikal		9th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 25	10
	Phillip Sheppard 54, Santa Monica, CA <i>Redemption Island</i>	Bikal	Bikal		10th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 28	5
	Malcolm Freberg 25, Hermosa Beach, CA <i>Philippines</i>	Bikal	Gota		11th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 30	11
	Reynold Toepfer 30, San Francisco, CA Real Estate Salesman	Gota	Gota		12th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 31	9
	Andrea Boehlke 23, New York City, NY <i>Redemption Island</i>	Bikal	Gota		13th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 33	13
	Brenda Lowe 29, Miami, FL <i>Nicaragua</i>	Bikal	Gota		14th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 36	5
	Erik Reichenbach 27, Santa Clarita, CA <i>Micronesia</i>	Bikal	Gota		Evacuated 7th Jury Member Day 36	2

Contestant		Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
		Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
	Eddie Fox 23, East Brunswick, NJ Fireman/EMT	Gota	Gota		15th Voted Out 8th Jury Member Day 38	16
	Dawn Meehan 42, South Jordan, UT <i>South Pacific</i>	Bikal	Bikal		Runners-Up	2
	Sherri Biethman 41, Boise, ID Fast Food Franchisee	Gota	Gota			6
	John Cochran 25, Washington, D.C. <i>South Pacific</i>	Bikal	Bikal		Sole Survivor	0

Fans vs. Favorites: Similar to past season Survivor: Micronesia, this season featured one tribe made up of die-hard Fans of the show, while the other tribe was made up of Favorite returning players from previous seasons. This is the first season since Nicaragua to feature 20 castaways.

Hidden Immunity Idol: Like previous seasons, at least one Hidden Immunity Idol was hidden in each tribe's camp.

Tribal Council at Challenge Site: Due to Brandon Hantz's rampage at camp, the Bikal tribe decided to forfeit the Immunity Challenge on Day 13. Due to this, a Tribal Council vote was commenced verbally at the challenge site.

Tribe Switch: On Day 15, three Fans were switched to the Bikal tribe and four Favorites were switched to the Gota tribe.

Early Merge: This season merged with twelve castaways in the game.

Final Three and Expanded Jury: A Final Three faced a jury of eight.

Medical Evacuation: Shamar Thomas and Erik Reichenbach were medically evacuated from the game.

Tribal Council: This is the first and only season so far to feature multiple three way ties. This season ties with Palau, Kaoh Rong, and Ghost Island for having the most tie votes, with three.

Reunion Show: This is the only season that the Reunion Show had only members of the jury appear on stage and no pre-jury vote outs, as the live reunion show only featured the contestants who made it on the jury phase. All of the pre-jury vote outs sat in the front row, which caused controversy. This is also the first season in which not all of the castaways are present for the reunion, as Brandon Hantz was banned due to his altercation with Phillip Sheppard, and Brenda Lowe had to stay at home because she was in the last stages of her pregnancy. Cambodia would be the second season to ban a contestant from attending the reunion, when Vytas Baskauskas was banned. In Ghost Island, Stephanie Johnson was not present for the reunion for personal reasons. At the Survivor: David vs.

Goliath reunion, Alec Merlino was banned after violating his non-disclosure agreement, while Jeremy Crawford did not attend for unknown reasons.

Season 26 Summary:

The two tribes were selected prior to the start of the game: Bikal, composed of ten returning Survivor contestants (the "Favorites"), and Gota, ten new players (the "Fans"). Bikal won nearly all the challenges and was dominated by an alliance led by Phillip Sheppard, dubbed "Stealth R Us". Malcolm Freberg found the tribe's Hidden Immunity Idol. The Gota tribe was dominated by an alliance of six led by Sherri Biethman, opposed by a minority alliance of four led by Reynold Toepfer. Reynold's alliance was quickly reduced to him and Eddie Fox, who were spared due to the dwindling tribe needing their strength in challenges.

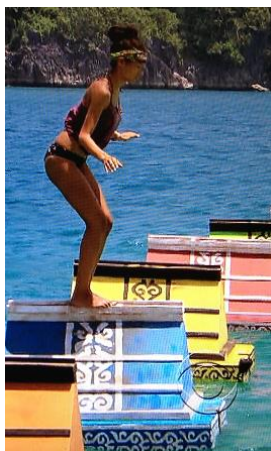
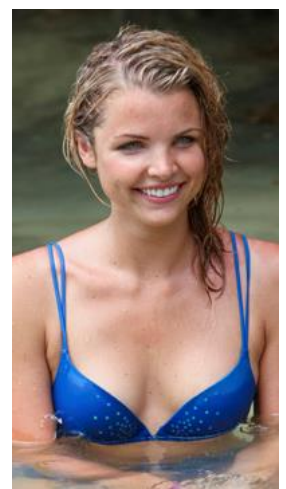
The tribes were shuffled in Day 14, with both new tribes containing four Favorites and three Fans. The significantly weaker new Bikal tribe lost every single challenge, with the Favorite majority sticking together to vote out the new players. Malcolm, now on the Gota tribe, aligned with fellow athletic males Reynold and Eddie to avoid being picked off at the merge.

The tribes merged with eight Favorites and four Fans remaining. The new Enil Edam tribe quickly saw two factions emerge: Malcolm and Corinne Kaplan rallied the remaining Fans together to try and overthrow Phillip, while the rest of the Favorites regrouped under Stealth R Us. Sherri decided to join Stealth R Us due to her distrust of Reynold and Eddie. This put Stealth R Us in the majority, leaving only Malcolm, Eddie, and Reynold in the minority. Their eliminations seemed imminent until Reynold won immunity and Malcolm found an additional Idol, which he gave to Eddie. In the hectic Tribal Council that ensued, Malcolm and Eddie played their Idols and Phillip was voted out.

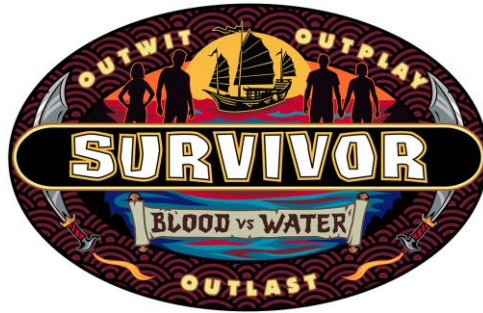
However, their fortune was not to last, and Malcolm and Reynold were subsequently eliminated. While Eddie seemed the likely next target, he was spared when the former members of Stealth R Us decided to turn on one of their own, eliminating strategic threat Andrea Boehlke with an Idol in her pocket, and Brenda Lowe after a kind-hearted gesture at the Loved Ones Challenge put her in a good social position. After Erik Reichenbach was evacuated from the game due to low blood pressure, Eddie was the final player voted out due to his popularity with the jury and having betrayed no one during the game.

Sherri, John Cochran, and Dawn Meehan ultimately were the final three players. During the Final Tribal Council, Sherri was largely ignored, being perceived as a coattail ride after her original alliance collapsed. While Cochran and Dawn were acknowledged as a pair, Dawn was grilled due to her emotional instability throughout the game while betraying several close allies, whereas Cochran was praised for being able to separate emotions from the game. This led to the jury of eight unanimously voting for Cochran to win.








Season 27: Blood vs. Water









Season No.:	27
Filming Location:	Palau Island, Santa Ana, Cagayan, Philippines
Filming Dates:	May 19, 2013 - June 27, 2013
Season Run:	September 18, 2013 - December 15, 2013
No. of Episodes:	15
No. of Days:	39
No. of Castaways:	20
Winner:	Tyson Apostol
Runner(s)-Up:	Monica Culpepper Gervase Peterson
Tribes:	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #FFD700; padding: 2px;">Galang</div> <div style="background-color: #C00000; padding: 2px;">Tadhana</div> <div style="background-color: #483D8B; padding: 2px;">Kasama</div> </div>



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation				Finish	Redemption Island Status	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe		Merged Tribe			
		#1	#2				
 Rupert Boneham 49, Indianapolis, IN <i>Pearl Islands, All-Stars, & Heroes vs. Villains</i>	Galang				Switched Day 1	1st Eliminated Day 4	0
 Colton Cumbie 22, Collinsville, AL <i>One World</i>	Galang	Galang			Quit Day 7		0
 Rachel Foulger 33, Provo, UT Tyson's girlfriend	Tadhana	Tadhana			4th Voted Out Day 6	2nd Eliminated Day 7	5

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation				Finish	Redemption Island Status	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe		Merged Tribe			
		#1	#2				
 Marissa Peterson 21, Chapel Hill, NC Gervase's niece	Tadhana	Tadhana			3rd Voted Out Day 3	3rd Eliminated Day 9	10
 Candice Cody 30, Washington, DC <i>Cook Islands & Heroes vs. Villains</i>	Galang				2nd Voted Out Day 1	4th Eliminated Day 11	6
 Brad Culpepper 44, Tampa, FL Monica's husband	Tadhana	Tadhana			6th Voted Out Day 10	5th Eliminated Day 14	7
 Kat Edorsson 23, Orlando, FL <i>One World</i>	Galang	Galang	Galang		8th Voted Out Day 16	6th Eliminated Day 17	5
 John Cody 30, Washington, DC Candice's husband	Tadhana	Tadhana			5th Voted Out Day 8	7th Eliminated Day 19	8
 Laura Boneham 44, Indianapolis, IN Rupert's wife	Tadhana	Galang	Galang		1st Voted Out Day 1	Switched Day 1	11
					9th Voted Out Day 18	8th Eliminated Day 19	
 Aras Baskauskas 31, Santa Monica, CA <i>Panama</i>	Galang	Galang	Tadhana		10th Voted Out Day 21	9th Eliminated 1st Jury Member Day 25	7
 Vytautas Baskauskas 33, Santa Monica, CA Aras's brother	Tadhana	Tadhana	Galang		11th Voted Out Day 22	10th Eliminated 2nd Jury Member Day 27	10
 Caleb Bankston 26, Collinsville, AL Colton's fiancé	Tadhana	Tadhana	Tadhana		14th Voted Out Day 29	11th Eliminated 3rd Jury Member Day 30	4
 Katie Collins 25, New York City, NY Tina's daughter	Tadhana	Tadhana	Galang		Eliminated Day 32	12th Eliminated 4th Jury Member Day 33	4
 Hayden Moss 27, Springtown, TX Kat's boyfriend	Tadhana	Tadhana	Tadhana		15th Voted Out Day 35	13th Eliminated 5th Jury Member Day 36	8

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation				Finish	Redemption Island Status	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe		Merged Tribe			
		#1	#2				
 Laura Morett 43, Salem, OR <i>Samoa</i>	Galang	Galang		Kasama	7th Voted Out Day 13	1st Returnee Day 19	19
		Galang			13th Voted Out Day 26	14th Eliminated 6th Jury Member Day 36	
 Ciera Eastin 24, Salem, OR Laura M.'s daughter	Tadhana	Tadhana	Tadhana		16th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 37		14
 Tina Wesson 52, Robbinsville, NC <i>The Australian Outback & All-Stars</i>	Galang	Galang	Galang		12th Voted Out Day 24	2nd Returnee Day 36	10
		Galang	Galang		17th Voted Out 8th Jury Member Day 38		
 Gervase Peterson 43, Philadelphia, PA <i>Borneo</i>	Galang	Galang	Tadhana		Second Runner-Up		6
 Monica Culpepper 42, Tampa, FL <i>One World</i>	Galang	Galang	Galang		Runner-Up		6
 Tyson Apostol 34, Provo, UT <i>Tocantins & Heroes vs. Villains</i>	Galang	Galang	Tadhana		Sole Survivor		2

Blood vs. Water: Returning players were paired with a competing family member or loved one. Every castaway played individually, and remained in the game even when their family member is voted out. The returnees were put in one tribe, while all of their loved ones were put in another.

Show Intro: This is the first season to not have the full opening sequence shown in any of the episodes.

Day Zero: A day before the actual game starts, the 10 pairs were sent out at sunset to 10 different locations to live by themselves for the night, under the notion that the pairs were to be placed in the same tribe. They then all met up the next morning to be officially welcomed by host Jeff Probst and started the game.

First Impressions: Moments after meeting each other, each team voted one member off their tribe who were sent to Redemption Island.

Redemption Island: Anyone voted out were sent to Redemption Island where they competed in a three-person duel. The last place finisher in each contest was out of the game for good, while the top two remained. However, if someone's loved one is on Redemption Island, they could take their loved

one's place before a duel. This season marks the return of the Redemption Island twist, which had been absent since *Survivor: South Pacific*

Hidden Immunity Idol: The person who finished first in each duel also got to give a clue to the location of a Hidden Immunity Idol to any person from either tribe that they chose. If a castaway won a game-returning duel, the castaway could also keep the clue for themselves.

Tiebreaker: This is the second season to see the rock drawing tiebreaker being utilized, following *Survivor: Marquesas*.

Tribe Switch: On Day 14, the remaining castaways randomly drew for new tribes.

Early Merge: This season merged with eleven castaways in the game.

Final Three and Expanded Jury: A Final Three faced a jury of eight.

Quit: Colton Cumbie quit the game on Day 7.

Season 27 Summary:

The castaways were pre-divided into two tribes of ten: Galang, comprised of returning players, and Tadhana, the returning players' loved ones. Before the tribes were sent to their camp, they were asked to eliminate one of their own immediately, where Laura Boneham and Candice Cody were voted out from their respective tribes. They were then informed that Redemption Island was in play, with the added twist that a player could take their partner's spot on Redemption Island. Shockingly, Rupert Boneham decided to switch with Laura B., sending Rupert to Redemption Island and sending Laura B. to Galang.

Tadhana lost the first four consecutive challenges, and was initially dominated by the Five Guys Alliance led by Brad Culpepper. Brad's decision to blindside his ally John Cody resulted in Brad's subsequent elimination and the end of the men's alliance. Meanwhile, at Galang, Aras Baskauskas created the Galang Five, an alliance which approached a no-strategy strategy. When the Galang tribe eventually went to Tribal Council after finally losing at the fifth challenge, Aras spearheaded the elimination of Laura Morett in hopes that she could eliminate Brad from Redemption Island to ensure Monica Culpepper's loyalty to the alliance. The plan was successful, and Laura M. returned to the game at the merge.

The tribes eventually merged to the Kasama tribe with 11 castaways remaining, including three pairs of loved ones: Aras and his brother Vytas Baskauskas, Tina Wesson and her daughter Katie Collins, and Laura M. and her daughter Ciera Eastin. While Aras led the charge against Laura M. again, a recently formed alliance originally from the post-Tribe Swap Tadhana tribe, which included Monica and Laura M., planned to eliminate the pairs in the game as all of them are "singles" and eliminate their threat. This alliance was able to blindside Aras, and managed to vote out Vytas and Tina later on, before betraying Laura M. for being the stronger member of the final intact pair.

With no pairs remaining, the new players outnumbered the returnees four to three, but the new players' attempt to seize control was foiled by Ciera, who sided with the returnees. However, with six players left, she had a change of heart, switching allegiances and forcing a tie which was resolved through the rock drawing tiebreaker, a tiebreaker only last seen during the fourth season, which resulted in Katie's elimination. This allowed the returning players alliance of Tyson Apostol, Monica, and Gervase Peterson to take control, voting out the others and making it to the end of the game.

At the Final Tribal Council, Gervase was berated by the jury for his perceived rudeness and hiding behind more dominant players, while Monica was castigated for threatening to flip to the other alliance but ultimately never following through. This led the jury to award Tyson the title of Sole Survivor, receiving seven of the eight votes to win, and Monica receiving one.


















Season 28: Cagayan – Brawn vs. Brains vs. Beauty






Season No.:	28
Filming Location:	Palau Island, Santa Ana, Cagayan, Philippines
Filming Dates:	July 11, 2013 - August 18, 2013
Season Run:	February 26, 2014 - May 21, 2014
No. of Episodes:	14
No. of Days:	39
No. of Castaways:	18
Winner:	Tony Vlachos
Runner(s)-Up:	Woo Hwang
Tribes:	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #FFD700; padding: 2px;">Aparri</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; padding: 2px;">Luzon</div> <div style="background-color: #800080; padding: 2px;">Solana</div> <div style="background-color: #000000; padding: 2px;">Solarrion</div> </div>



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 David Samson 45, Plantation, FL Miami Marlins President	Luzon			1st Voted Out Day 3	4
 Garrett Adelstein 27, Santa Monica, CA Professional Poker Player	Luzon			2nd Voted Out Day 6	3
 Brice Johnston 27, Philadelphia, PA Social Worker	Solana			3rd Voted Out Day 8	5

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 JTia Taylor 31, Chicago, IL Nuclear Engineer	Luzon			4th Voted Out Day 11	7
 Cliff Robinson 46, Newark, NJ Former NBA All-Star	Aparri	Solana		5th Voted Out Day 14	4
 Lindsey Ogle 29, Kokomo, IN Hairstylist	Aparri	Solana		Quit Day 14	0
 Alexis Maxwell 21, Addison, IL Student	Solana	Aparri		6th Voted Out Day 16	8
 Sarah Lacina 29, Cedar Rapids, IA Police Officer	Aparri	Aparri		7th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 19	6
 Morgan McLeod 21, San Jose, CA Ex-NFL Cheerleader	Solana	Aparri		8th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 22	8
 LJ McKanas 34, Boston, MA Horse Trainer	Solana	Solana		9th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 25	8
 Jeremiah Wood 34, Dobson, NC Male Model	Solana	Aparri		10th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 28	9
 Jefra Bland 22, Campbellsville, KY Miss Kentucky Teen USA	Solana	Solana		11th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 30	9
 Tasha Fox 37, St. Louis, MO Accountant	Luzon	Aparri	Solarion	12th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 33	4
 Trish Hegarty 48, Needham, MA Pilates Trainer	Aparri	Solana		13th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 36	5
 Spencer Bledsoe 21, Chicago, IL Economics Student	Luzon	Aparri		14th Voted Out 8th Jury Member Day 37	8

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Kass McQuillen 41, Tehachapi, CA Attorney	Luzon	Aparri		15th Voted Out 9th Jury Member Day 38	2
 Woo Hwang 29, Newport Beach, CA Martial Arts Instructor	Aparri	Solana		Runner-Up	4
 Tony Vlachos 39, Jersey City, NJ Police Officer	Aparri	Solana		Sole Survivor	5

Brawn vs. Brains vs. Beauty: The castaways were divided into three tribes of six members each. The division of the tribes was based on the most prominent personal attributes of each castaway: brawn, brains, and beauty.

Tribe Leaders: At the beginning of the game, all tribes voted for a tribe leader, who was tasked with making the decision for the first impressions' vote for the tribe as a whole.

First Impressions: The leaders of the tribes had to choose who they think is the weakest on their respective tribe. The 3 chosen contestants (one from each tribe) got to ride to camp in the chopper and get there faster. At the camp, they chose between a clue for the Hidden Immunity Idol or an extra bag of rice for the tribe.

Hidden Immunity Idol: While the current format of the Hidden Immunity Idol still applied, an additional Hidden Immunity Idol was in play post-merge. The said idol was to be used after the votes were read and could be only used by its finder. This format is similar to how the idol was supposed to be used back in Survivor: Panama and Survivor: Cook Islands.

Tribe Switch: On Day 12, Luzon is disbanded, and the remaining fourteen castaways are shuffled and randomly distributed into the Aparri and Solana tribes.

Early Merge: This season merged with eleven castaways in the game.

Final Two and Nine-Person Jury: For the first time in Survivor history, two finalists would face a 9-person jury. This is also the first time since Survivor: Tocantins to have a Final Tribal Council with only two players.

Quit: Lindsey Ogle quit the game on Day 14.

Finale: This is the first season since Survivor: The Amazon to not have the finale air on a Sunday.

Season 28 Summary:

The eighteen new castaways were divided into three tribes based on primary attributes: Aparri (Brawn), Luzon (Brains), and Solana (Beauty). The Brains tribe stumbled out of the gate early, losing three of the first four Immunity Challenges and being reduced to only Tasha Fox, Kass McQuillen, and Spencer Bledsoe. The Beauty tribe, led by LJ McKanas, only lost one member, while the Brawn tribe went undefeated in challenges. With 14 players remaining, the castaways were shuffled into two tribes of seven: Aparri—featuring the three Brains, three Beauty, and Sarah Lacina from the Brawn

tribe— and Solana, consisting of Beauties LJ and Jefra Bland, and the other five Brawn. The Brawn initially planned to hold strong and get rid of LJ, but he and Jefra convinced Tony Vlachos and Trish Hegarty to turn on the Brawn alliance to vote out physical threat Cliff Robinson instead.

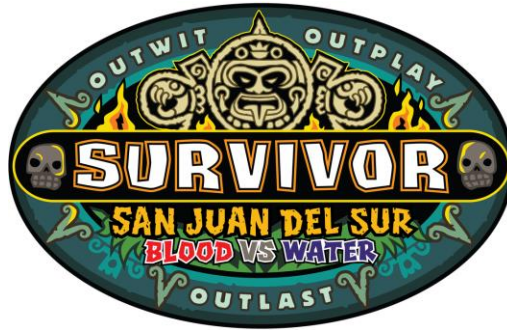
The tribes merged with 11 players remaining, five from Solana and six from Aparri. While the swapped tribes looked like they were going to stick together, Tony attempted to sway his old ally Sarah back to the Brawn-heavy Solana alliance, but Sarah was indecisive. Instead, Trish persuaded Kass to swap alliances, which she did, eliminating Sarah and putting Solana in power. Despite being in the majority, Tony's paranoia continually got the better of him as he and Woo Hwang navigated between alliances to blindsides potential threats. He also found multiple hidden Immunity Idols, including a special one that could be used after the votes were read. Tony lied about the idol's "different powers" and successfully managed to avoid being targeted out of fear, ending up in the final three with Kass and Woo.

Woo won the Final Immunity Challenge; while Kass seemed like an easy choice to take to the end after betraying her initial alliance, Tony convinced Woo to honor their bond as tribe mates throughout the entire game, and Woo took Tony to the Final Tribal Council. At the Final Tribal Council, a majority of the jury grilled Tony (for his aggressive game play), and only Spencer criticized Woo (for riding Tony's coattails), but ultimately Tony was awarded the title of Sole Survivor with eight of the nine jury votes.





















Season 29: San Juan del Sur – Blood vs. Water





Season No.:	29
Filming Location:	San Juan del Sur, Rivas, Nicaragua
Filming Dates:	June 2, 2014 - July 10, 2014
Season Run:	September 24, 2014 - December 17, 2014
No. of Episodes:	15
No. of Days:	39
No. of Castaways:	18
Winner:	Natalie Anderson
Runner(s)-Up:	Jaclyn Schultz Missy Payne
Tribes:	Coyopa Hunahpu Huyopa



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Nadiya Anderson 28, Edgewater, NJ Natalie's twin sister	Coyopa			1st Voted Out Day 3	5
 Val Collins 35, Foxboro, MA Jeremy's wife	Coyopa			2nd Voted Out Day 6	9
 John Rucker 39, Atlanta, GA Julie's boyfriend	Coyopa			3rd Voted Out Day 8	5
 Drew Christy 25, Winter Park, FL Alec's brother	Hunahpu			4th Voted Out Day 10	5

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Kelley Wentworth 28, Seattle, WA Dale's daughter	Hunahpu	Coyopa		5th Voted Out Day 13	4
 Dale Wentworth 55, Ephrata, WA Kelley's father	Coyopa	Coyopa		6th Voted Out Day 15	8
 Julie McGee 34, Atlanta, GA John's girlfriend	Hunahpu	Hunahpu		Quit Day 18	2
 Josh Canfield 32, New York City, NY Reed's boyfriend	Coyopa	Hunahpu		7th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 21	6
 Jeremy Collins 36, Foxboro, MA Val's husband	Hunahpu	Hunahpu		8th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 24	5
 Wes Nale 23, Shreveport, LA Keith's son	Coyopa	Hunahpu		9th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 26	2
 Reed Kelly 31, New York City, NY Josh's boyfriend	Hunahpu	Hunahpu		10th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 29	10
 Alec Christy 22, Winter Park, FL Drew's brother	Coyopa	Hunahpu		11th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 32	4
 Jon Misch 26, Waterford, MI Jaclyn's boyfriend	Hunahpu	Coyopa		12th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 35	8
 Baylor Wilson 20, Nashville, TN Missy's daughter	Coyopa	Coyopa		13th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 37	17
 Keith Nale 53, Shreveport, LA Wes's father	Hunahpu	Coyopa		14th Voted Out 8th Jury Member Day 38	16
 Missy Payne 47, Dallas, TX Baylor's mother	Hunahpu	Coyopa		Second Runner-Up	3

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Jaclyn Schultz 25, Las Vegas, NV Jon's girlfriend</p>	Coyopa	Coyopa		Runner-Up	6
 <p>Natalie Anderson 28, Edgewater, NJ Nadiya's twin sister</p>	Hunahpu	Hunahpu		Sole Survivor	0

Blood vs. Water: Nine pairs of castaways, each with a pre-existing relationship, compete against each other for the million dollar prize. The pairs are separated, and assigned to opposite tribes. Unlike the first "Blood vs. Water" season, this season will have an all-new cast, and Redemption Island will not be in play.

Casting: Originally, the season was set to have a 20-player cast. However, 48 hours prior to the start of filming, a member of a pair of sisters failed one of the final medical examination. Unable to find a replacement pair of the same gender composition in time, production was forced to start the game with the remaining nine pairs, despite this leaving an uneven 10:8 ratio in favor of the men. The healthier of the sisters, So Kim, was brought back for the next season. A similar case occurred back in Survivor: Fiji, where Mellisa McNulty was pulled from the game due to last-minute panic attacks. Also, this is the first season to include a pair of twins.

Day Zero: A day before the actual game started, the pairs were sent out at sunset to different locations to live by themselves for the night. They then all met up the next morning to be officially welcomed by host Jeff Probst, and started the game.

Exile Island: After an eleven-season hiatus of the twist (last used in Survivor: Tocantins), Exile Island returned replacing the initial Redemption Island twist. This season's version of the twist was that tribal Reward Challenges were to be one-on-one duels between castaways. Before the tribe switch, however, the duels would be between loved ones. The winner of each duel won reward for his/her tribe while the losing castaway would be sent to Exile Island, along with one of the winner's tribe mates, where they got to choose between two urns: one with a clue to the Hidden Immunity Idol buried on his/her camp, and the other with nothing.

Hidden Immunity Idol: During the pre-merge portion of the game, one idol was hidden at each tribe's camp with clues found at Exile Island. Post-merge, an idol was hidden somewhere on Exile Island.

Tribe Switch: When there were 14 castaways left in the game, there was a tribe switch, putting four Hunahpu and three Coyopa castaways on each tribe.

Early Merge: This season merged with twelve castaways in the game.

Final Three and Expanded Jury: A Final Three faced a jury of eight.

Quit: Julie McGee quit the game on Day 18.

Season 29 Summary:

Upon entering the season, the nine pairs of loved ones were separated onto two tribes: Coyopa and Hunahpu. Coyopa had a very rough start, losing three consecutive Immunity Challenges. While the tribe was initially dominated by the Coyopa Guys Alliance led by John Rocker, Josh Canfield was torn between allegiances to the men. After John verbally tussled with members of the other tribe after a challenge, Josh orchestrated John's ouster and blindsided him.

On Hunahpu, Jeremy Collins and Natalie Anderson, having lost their loved ones first, aligned. After a tribe swap, Missy Payne came into power on Coyopa, while Josh and Jeremy vied for control on Hunahpu. While both men targeted each other, their conflict was never resolved after their tribe won all the challenges during the post swap phase.

At the merge, two factions emerged: The Hunahpu Alliance, led by Jeremy, and the Coyopa Guys Alliance, now headed by Josh, with the dating couple Jon Misch and Jaclyn Schultz in the middle. While they prepared to side with Josh's alliance for the first post-merge Tribal Council, it was cancelled after Julie McGee quit the game, giving Jon and Jaclyn time to change their minds and side with Jeremy's alliance to eliminate Josh.

Jeremy's fortune was not to last, and he was blindsided by Jon's own alliance, and with Natalie's help (turning the alliance into the "Fab Five"), they resumed picking off the remnants of Josh's alliance, with Keith Nale as the last outsider remaining. However, Natalie had been biding her time for the right moment to retaliate and avenge Jeremy's blindside at the hands of Jon. Keith was spared as Natalie spearheaded Jon's elimination, leaving with a Hidden Immunity Idol in his pocket. While Keith survived the next Tribal Council after winning immunity, he lost the Final Immunity Challenge and was the last player voted out of the game.

Ultimately, Missy, Jaclyn, and Natalie became the Final Three. At the Final Tribal Council, Reed Kelly eviscerated Missy's character, comparing her to a "wicked stepmother", while Jaclyn was questioned for having only made moves with others, primarily Jon. Natalie was praised for making bold moves without a loved one's support and was ultimately awarded the title of Sole Survivor with five votes to win, compared to Jaclyn's two and Missy's one.









Season 30: Worlds Apart – White Collar vs. Blue Collar vs. No Collar






Season No.:	30
Filming Location:	San Juan del Sur, Rivas, Nicaragua
Filming Dates:	August 4, 2014 - September 11, 2014
Season Run:	February 25, 2015 - May 20, 2015
No. of Episodes:	15
No. of Days:	39
No. of Castaways:	18
Winner:	Mike Holloway
Runner(s)-Up:	Carolyn Rivera Will Sims II
Tribes:	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Escameca</div> <div style="background-color: #FFD700; color: black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Masaya</div> <div style="background-color: #DC143C; color: white; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Nagarote</div> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px;">Merica</div> </div>



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 So Kim 31, Long Beach, CA Retail Buyer	Masaya			1st Voted Out Day 3	4
 Vince Sly 32, Santa Monica, CA Coconut Vendor	Nagarote			2nd Voted Out Day 6	3
 Nina Poersch 51, Palmdale, CA Hearing Advocate	Nagarote			3rd Voted Out Day 8	4

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Lindsey Cascaddan 24, College Park, FL Hairdresser	Escameca			4th Voted Out Day 11	5
 Max Dawson 37, Topanga, CA Media Consultant	Masaya	Nagarote		5th Voted Out Day 14	5
 Joaquin Souberbielle 27, Valley Stream, NY Marketing Director	Masaya	Escameca		6th Voted Out Day 16	4
 Kelly Remington 44, Grand Island, NY State Trooper	Escameca	Nagarote		7th Voted Out Day 19	4
 Hali Ford 25, San Francisco, CA Law Student	Nagarote	Nagarote		8th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 22	8
 Joe Anglim 25, Scottsdale, AZ Jewelry Designer	Nagarote	Escameca		9th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 24	8
 Jenn Brown 22, Long Beach, CA Sailing Instructor	Nagarote	Nagarote		10th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 27	18
 Shirin Oskooi 31, San Francisco, CA Yahoo! Executive	Masaya	Nagarote		11th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 29	7
 Tyler Fredrickson 33, Los Angeles, CA Ex-Talent Agent Assistant	Masaya	Escameca		12th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 32	5
 Dan Foley 47, Gorham, ME Postal Worker	Escameca	Escameca		13th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 35	9
 Sierra Dawn Thomas 27, Roy, UT Barrel Racer	Escameca	Escameca		14th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 37	6
 Rodney Lavoie Jr. 24, Boston, MA General Contractor	Escameca	Escameca		15th Voted Out 8th Jury Member Day 38	5

Merica

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Carolyn Rivera 52, Tampa, FL Corporate Executive	Masaya	Nagarote	[Black]	Runners-Up	10
 Will Sims II 41, Sherman Oaks, CA YouTube Sensation	Nagarote	Nagarote			4
 Mike Holloway 38, North Richland Hills, TX Oil Driller	Escameca	Escameca		Sole Survivor	4

Tribe Division by Profession: The 18 castaways were divided according to their professions and approaches to life:

- The Masaya ("White Collar") tribe is made up of castaways who work in the corporate world with a degree of authority. They "make the rules."
- The Escameca ("Blue Collar") tribe is made up of castaways who work in manual labor. They "follow the rules."
- The Nagarote ("No Collar") tribe is made up of castaways who are free spirits with passion-based occupations. They "break the rules."

Hidden Immunity Idol: A Hidden Immunity Idol was hidden at each one of the tribe's camps.

Tribe Leaders: At the beginning of the season, two people from each tribe were chosen as "leaders" and had to decide together between either receiving a large bag of beans or receiving a smaller bag of beans and a clue to the Hidden Immunity Idol.

Tribe Switch: On Day 12, a tribe switch occurred, simultaneously dissolving the Masaya tribe and mixing the castaways into two tribes of seven.

Early Merge: This season merged with twelve castaways in the game.

Extra Vote: A castaway would get the right to vote twice at the same Tribal Council. The intention of using the second vote had to be voiced immediately after all the votes were cast and was valid until the final five. It was at the voter's discretion whether they would throw this vote away, vote for the same person twice, or vote another potential threat.

Final Three and Expanded Jury: A Final Three faced a jury of eight.

Tribal Council: This is the first season where all the Hidden Immunity Idols found were played effectively. Jenn Brown, Mike Holloway, and Carolyn Rivera all played their respective idols while the majority of the votes were against them, thus surviving those particular Tribal Councils.

Tiereaker: This is the first season since Survivor: Gabon to utilize the fire-making tiebreaker challenge.

Final Tribal Council: This is the first season where the finalists were not given the chance to give opening statements at the Final Tribal Council.

Disability: Nina Poersch has a hearing impairment.

Season 30 Summary:

The eighteen new castaways were divided into three tribes of six based on social class: Escameca (Blue Collar), Masaya (White Collar), and Nagarote (No Collar). Despite frequent arguments between the Blue Collars, they only went to Tribal Council once, as did the White Collars. Though the No Collars lost two members, a core alliance of Hali Ford, Jenn Brown, and Joe Anglim formed, with Will Sims II as their fourth. With 14 players remaining, the players were redistributed into two tribes of seven; on Escameca, Blue Collar Rodney Lavoie Jr. and White Collar Joaquin Souberbielle aligned, but Rodney's former Blue Collar allies, led by Mike Holloway, blindsided Joaquin to break up the pair and retain Rodney's loyalty.

When the tribes merged, two alliances vied for dominance: the No Collar core alliance, now with White Collar Shirin Oskooi, against the Blue Collars. However, due to White Collar's Carolyn Rivera and Tyler Fredrickson and Will joining the Blue Collar's side the Blue Collar alliance took control of the game. They started off by systematically eliminating the members of the no collar alliance. Though Rodney remained with the Blue Collars, he constructed his own alliance with the swing vote Will, Tyler, and Carolyn to eventually take down the other Blue Collars to avenge Joaquin. Mike overheard Rodney's inner alliance plotting his blindside and outed his plans, but instead found himself ousted from the majority alliance and made the primary target. However, Mike won five of the last six Immunity Challenges and played a Hidden Immunity Idol the only time he was vulnerable. Due to the alliance being unable to get rid of Mike, they were forced to turn on each other. Eventually Mike's immunity wins and the use of the Hidden Immunity Idol enabled him to make it to the end along with Carolyn and Will.

At the Final Tribal Council, Mike was praised for winning so many Immunity Challenges and making it to the end despite being a massive target, but was criticized for not playing a good social game, Carolyn received some criticism for backstabbing her ally Tyler, and Will was berated for making derogatory comments toward Shirin and her family. In the end, Mike was awarded with six of the eight jury votes, and the title of Sole Survivor, while Carolyn and Will tied for second with one vote each.



