

**Context for lesson:**  
25 third graders

**Outcomes/Materials Used:**

This is another follow up to our night of sailing. Each child chose pictures to put in their project and then did a reflection on the bottom. We also wrote poems about Hokule'a as we were studying her history in preparation for our sail. We watched a few videos, read books, read newspaper articles, and saw many pictures of Hokule'a as we were writing. The last photo is of the class when we returned to Sand Island, it was an amazing night for us.

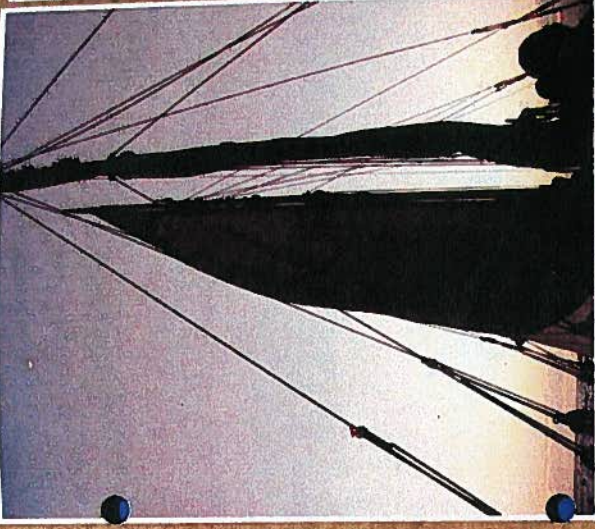
**Reflection:**

It takes us a long time to prepare for our sail, but when it finally comes, it really is a night to remember. There is a wide range of emotions; from being scared to complete joy. Some have to be held tightly and reassured that all will be fine, and others are ready to steer on the big paddle with Aunty Michelle. This experience is more than just a sail..it is a night of growing up, conquering some fears, being with our friends to share something very special, and to see everything that we have studied come to life. It is a night to meet someone who went to our school, who sat in our seats in class, who grew up to learn from his dad and many kumu.....who was scared sometimes just like us, and who still is a child at heart, who still loves to learn. To see the star Hokule'a from the canoe, Hokule'a is one of the highlights. It is very exciting to try and steer the canoe in the right direction with only the setting sun to guide us, it's unreal for the little ones to see the big dipper in all of its glory and to see the star lines that Uncle Nainoa uses. Oh, and the belt stars of Orion..now it all makes sense! It's hard to put it into words...you kind of have to be there with the kids to see it in their faces, to see it in their eyes, and to feel their hugs as we say good night to our new friends.

## Hokule'a Poem

In the vast dark by the Hokule'a, where a gentle breeze was blowing.  
Taking a picture with Uncle Nainoa and the crew  
When the waves in the harbor were calmer, and  
a faint glow was cast upon them.

Where the canoes hulls met the surface of the water.  
Venus's glow shined brighter than Sirius.  
When all was dark except for the nighttime stars.



### It was an amazing night...

- I liked just being with Uncle Nainoa and learning things about stars that I never knew before.
- It was amazing getting to see Sirius in the constellation of the baller of Makani.
- I never knew that Venus was the 2nd brightest thing in the sky at night.
- It was fun getting to steer the canoe to the correct destination.
- On the canoe in the back there was a diamond shape on the rope to help you to steer in the correct direction.

I think it's a really smart idea to tell how fast the canoe is going and how long it's been by using a cracker, you drop the cracker in the water and count until it gets to the end of the canoe, then you divide 25 by whatever number you counted to.

## HOKULE'A





