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"Voyaging, a microcosm for living. We voyage in the wake of our ancestors. When we sail, we are surrounded by an immense ocean. To survive, we must learn to mālama, to care for, each other and our canoe."

We Sail In Their Wake

With deepest love, respect and gratitude...



Photo Courtesy: Ben Young

KAWIKA

KAPAHULEHUA

Elia Kawika David Ku'ualoha Kapahulehua, in 1976, was Hokule'a's first captain to and from Tahiti. He spent most of his childhood on Ni'ihau and grew up to be a licensed captain and sailor in the early days of the catamaran, a design based on ancient voyaging canoes. He spent his later years teaching Hawaiian at the University of Hawai'i. Kawika left us to begin his next voyage on May 17, 2007. Kawika was 76 years old.



Photo: National Geographic

DUKIE

KUAHULU

Douglas "Dukie" Kua-hulu was a crewmember of Hokule'a's first voyage to Tahiti in 1976, the first voyage of a double-hulled canoe from Hawai'i to Tahiti in 600 years. Dukie helped design Hokule'a's steering mechanism, which has been in use ever since. Born and raised on O'ahu, Dukie was a Waikiki beachboy for more than 50 years. Dukie left us to begin his next voyage on August 11, 2007. Dukie was 70 years old.



Photo courtesy: Mike Tongg

MIKE

TONGG

Michael Alan Poi Wo Tongg crewed Hokule'a on the roughest of legs and over more than 40,000 miles. He was involved in PVS from its earliest years and served as PVS president. Born and raised on O'ahu, Mike was a family law attorney, champion canoe paddler and foster father to many. Mike left us to begin his next voyage on July 13, 2007. Mike was 63 years old.

Ku Holo Mau, Ku Holo La Komohana

In 2007, Hokule'a completed the 5 month, 9,000 mile voyage through Micronesia and Japan called Ku Holo Mau, Ku Holo La Komohana, "Sail On, Sail Always, Sail Forever; Sail on to the Western Sun." Under the theme "One Ocean, One People," Hokule'a escorted the voyaging canoe Alingano Maisu to the island of Satawal, where the Maisu was gifted to master navigator Mau Piailug. While on Satawal, Mau honored 5 Hawai'i navigators with pwo - a sacred initiation and title in the tradition of Micronesian navigation. In Japan, Hokule'a sailed to 8 ports from where the largest populations of Japanese immigrated to Hawai'i. The voyage ended in Yokohama, where King David Kalakaua sailed to in 1881. His relationship with the emperor led to the first immigrants to Hawai'i.

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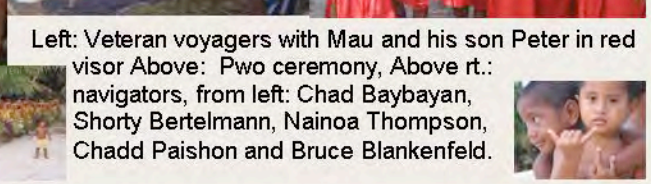


Left: Alingano Maisu, foreground, and Hokule'a on the way to Majuro. Photo by escort boat Kama Hele Captain Mike Taylor. Right: Alingano Maisu and Hokule'a in Chuuk. Photo by Kama Hele crewmember James Hadde.



Left to right: Approaching Satawal, leaving Chuuk, Palau, the children of Fatharai.

SATAWAL



Left: Veteran voyagers with Mau and his son Peter in red visor Above: Pwo ceremony, Above rt.: navigators, from left: Chad Baybayan, Shorty Bertelmann, Nainoa Thompson, Chadd Paishon and Bruce Blankenfeld.

JAPAN



Photo by Takeshi Ichikawa



Left 2 photos: Ehime. 2 large and 3 small peace bells were made from coins of many nations. One large bell is in Ehime, the other is at the United Nations. The 3 small bells were given to: President John F. Kennedy, Premier Nikita Khrushchev of the Soviet Union and, on June 1, 2007, Hokule'a, proclaimed a messenger of peace. Photos: Kama Hele Capt. Mike Taylor.

Above: Ehime - crewmembers present kahili made and donated by Kaleinani Brown and stands crafted and donated by Jerry Ongais to family members of victims in the Ehime Maru tragedy in Hawai'i. A father who lost a son, prior to the voyage, said Hokule'a will carry home the spirits of their loved ones. Above photos by Kama Hele Captain Mike Taylor.

LOCAL & GLOBAL REACH

- 180 crewmembers ages 16-65, from across the state, Micronesia and Japan.

WEBLOG

<http://pvshawaii.squarespace.com/>

- Weblog used to share voyage, cultural and geographical information with and among students, teachers and community.
- Daily reports and reflections, with text and photos, transmitted via satellite phone link from Hokule'a and Alingano Maisu.
- Google Map and U.H. SOEST tracking the progress of the canoes.
- Special education section for students and teachers providing access to tracking maps created by KGMB, online video and instructions to sign-up for satellite phone calls to Hokule'a.

- More than one-million weblog hits logged in 2007. 4,500 unique visitors per month at the beginning of the voyage. By June, nearly 11,000 unique visitors that month, logging 95,000 hits. In September 2007 there were more than 12,000 unique visitors, logging 134,191 hits, meaning the weblog continues to educate even after the voyage.

- Weblog used for international essay contest by the East-West Center's Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP) for high school students, based on the voyage. Winners from Hawai'i, Bhutan, India and Ohio.

MORE SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

- Satellite phone calls from Hokule'a to public, private and charter schools in Hawai'i, Micronesia and North America.
- Crewmember visits to classrooms at ports of call in Micronesia and Japan.

- 3 Essay Contests with voyage themes.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Twice weekly satellite phone calls from Hokule'a to Cox radio stations in Hawai'i.
- "Hokule'a: Passing the Torch," a 1-hour program on the voyage produced by local CBS affiliate KGMB and aired twice.
- Weekly media coverage by 5 media outlets, including both Honolulu daily papers.
- Two one-hour programs on Hokule'a and the voyage aired in Japan.
- Television and print coverage of the voyage by more than 90 media outlets in Hawai'i, Micronesia, Japan, and North America.

MAHALO

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Hokule`a Returns to PVS

Bishop Museum transferred legal ownership of Hokule`a back to PVS in August 2007. The transfer is less about ownership of a canoe and more about a recognition of the voyaging community's dedication and kuleana for Hokule`a, and we would like to thank the leadership, board and staff at Bishop Museum. The transfer also reaffirms PVS' and Bishop Museum's longstanding educational partnership and commitment to future educational collaborations. PVS built Hokule`a, launched her in 1975 and has cared for her since. In 1990, the Hawai'i Maritime Center, now owned by Bishop Museum, acquired Hokule`a to conduct education programs.

Current Projects:

- **Worldwide Voyage** - PVS, along with other voyaging organizations and leadership, are exploring the possibility of an around the world voyage no earlier than 2010. The voyage would continue our mission and commitment to explore, learn, nurture communities and leadership. It would foster living well on islands, including this island earth, and connect children around the world in a way that they can learn to love the earth and the people who are on it.
- **Dry-dock** - Hokule`a will be in dry-dock at Honolulu Community College's (HCC) Marine Education and Training Center (METC) from January 11 to mid-April, Wednesday nights and Saturdays. Please come and help but call PVS for times. Hokule`a will go into major dry dock in 2009. To donate to dry dock costs, please use enclosed envelope.
- **Leadership and navigation training** - Following dry dock, Hokule`a will conduct training through the end of the year.
- **Hokule`a Book and Documentary** - PVS thanks OHA for a \$68,000 grant to help create a book and documentary on Hokule`a's first 30 years. We have begun interviews and will apply for more grants to complete this important project.
- **PVS, HCC, METC Partnership** - PVS, HCC and METC are developing voyaging curriculum.
- **Fundraiser** - Watch for a Fish Fry joint fundraiser with the Hawai'i Maritime Museum in May.
- **PVS is trying to update its mailing list and cut down on the use of paper so please fill out your contact information, including e-mail address, on the inside flap of the enclosed envelope and return to PVS. Mahalo!**

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Vision

Hawai'i, our special island home, is a place where the land and sea are cared for and people and communities are healthy and safe.



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