

Sharing the Legacy of Hawai'i's Canoe Builders

Ka Mo'olelo O Na Kalai Wa'a

**The people involved with perpetuating the traditional
Hawaiian canoe building**

The Friends seek to perpetuate the skills of traditional Hawaiian canoe building, as well as the cultural and religious setting in which the canoes were built. *The Friends* believe that all Hawai'i must continue to share and learn together in order to ensure that these traditions and the feelings of pride and community they produce are perpetuated.

Learn more about Hawaiian culture while helping to maintain important cultural icons by joining *The Friends of Hokule'a and Hawai'iloa*.

HAWAI'ILOA CANOE RESTORATION PROJECT A "Plank by Plank" Fundraising Campaign

The Friends of Hokule'a and Hawai'iloa, founded in 1996 by Wright Bowman Jr., is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to perpetuate ancient Hawaiian canoe resources by building, restoring and sharing traditional canoe building skills. In 1990 the Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program, working with Nainoa Thompson and the *Polynesian Voyaging Society*, constructed a double-hulled, voyaging canoe made entirely of traditional materials. Under the leadership of Wright Bowman, Jr., working with two 400 year old spruce logs from the native peoples of Southeast Alaska, support from businesses and more than 500,000 hours, *Hawai'iloa* was completed in two years and launched July 24, 1993 at Pier 36 in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

The two hulls are 57 feet long connected by seven 19 foot 'iako (crossbeams) made from *ohia* wood. The beam is 19 feet. Much of the canoe is made of the native hardwood *koa*.

The first voyage of *Hawai'iloa* with co-captains/navigators Chad Baybayan and Bruce Blankenfeld was a 21 day – 6,000 mile trip from Hawai'i to Tahiti throughout French Polynesia to the Marquesas and back. It was upon the completion of this voyage that Bowman founded the "Friends" with a commitment toward caring for *Hawai'iloa* and the other well-known voyaging canoe "*Hokule'a*."

Due to minimal ongoing maintenance, exposure to the elements and termite damage, *Hawai'iloa* was pulled from the water and has been housed in pieces. True to their mission, *The Friends of Hokule'a and Hawai'iloa* have committed to restore the historic *Hawai'iloa*. The estimated restoration cost is \$250,000.00 with a completion date of December 2013.

Just as builders build "one plank at a time," *The Friends of Hokule'a and Hawai'iloa* have embarked on a "plank by plank" fundraising campaign. \$100 donated will help buy one 4-foot *koa* plank towards the overall restoration. *The Friends* are asking for support from individuals, businesses and volunteers.

Volunteer work projects are in progress now, up to and into 2013.

As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, we welcome your tax-deductible monetary or in-kind donation. *The Friends* is 100 percent run and organized by volunteers. You can conveniently donate online using a credit card or send us a check.

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Please log on the *The Friends of Hokule'a & Hawai'iloa* website: www.FHH-Hawaii.org. Please click on the Donate Button. You will be taken to the donation form by Paypal on the next page. You can either donate buy using a credit card or using your Paypal account if you already have one.

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Mahalo from *The Friends of Hokule'a and Hawai'iloa*! Your support helps our mission.



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