

Pacific Voyaging Revival a short history

Seafaring, voyaging, double hull and outrigger sailing vessels

These are the the most important artefact in our history as Pacific people

Using a diverse range of vessels and sailing knowledge our ancestors explored the Pacific, across the world's greatest ocean

Sadly, much of that knowledge has been lost

Today, there is a remarkable revival happening



Polynesian Voyaging Society

PVS was founded by Ben Finney, Herb Kawainui Kane and Tommy Holmes in 1973.



Their flagship is Hōkūleʻa launched March 8, 1975



Polynesian Voyaging Society

Knowledge of traditional Hawaiian navigation had been totally lost by this time and PVS turned to the legendary Micronesian navigator “Papa Mau Piailug to teach them.

Since 1975 Hōkūle‘a has criss-crossed the Pacific

Now they are about to depart on a 4 year Worldwide Voyage.





South Pacific Arts Festival 1992 Rarotonga

Sir Tom Davis called for Cook Islanders to revive their sailing heritage at the 1992.

Two vaka were built as a result of the festival, 'Te Ao o Tonga', based on a Tahitian '*tipaeri*' voyaging canoe and "Takitimu", a drua.

This led to the founding of the Cook Islands Voyaging Society.



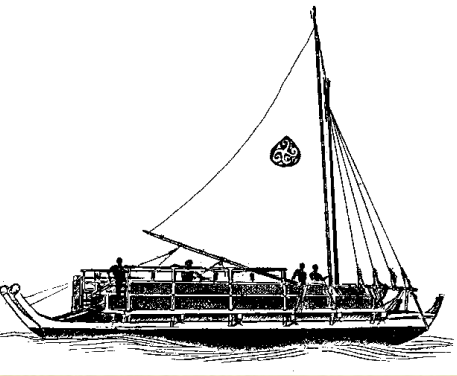


NZ Maori and Tahitian initiatives

In 1985 the waka hourua Hawaikinui, built by Francis Cowan and Matahi Brightwell, arrived In Aotearoa from Tahiti.

In 1991 master canoe builder Hekenukumai Busby started construction of Te Aurere which has been the Maori flagship over the past two decades, starting with its voyage to Rarotonga in 1992.

This year, Te Aurere, accompanied by a new waka, Ngahiraka mai Tawhiti, departed Aotearoa bound for Rapanui.



Raiatea 1995

1995 saw a historical gathering of vaka from Hawaii, Tahiti and Aotearoa at the sacred marae of Taputapuatea

○Te 'Aurere, Aotearoa

○Te Au o Tonga, Rarotonga

○Takitumu, Rarotonga

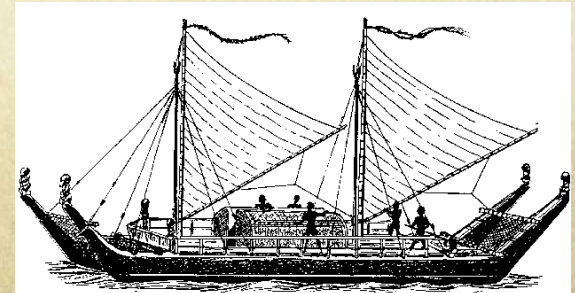
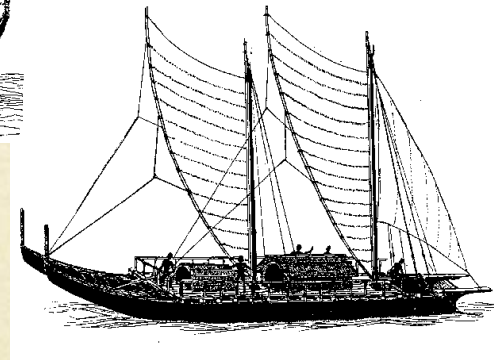
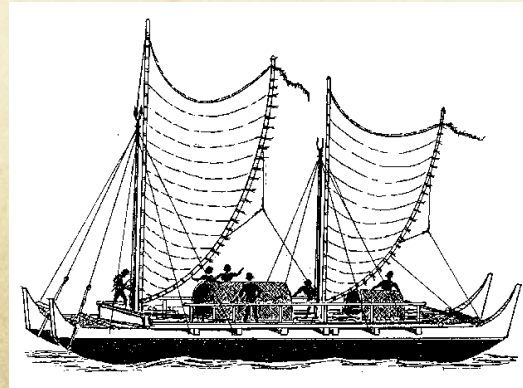
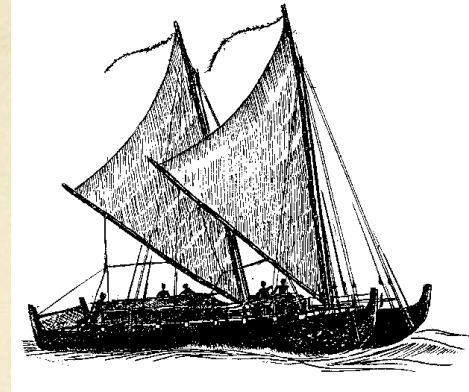
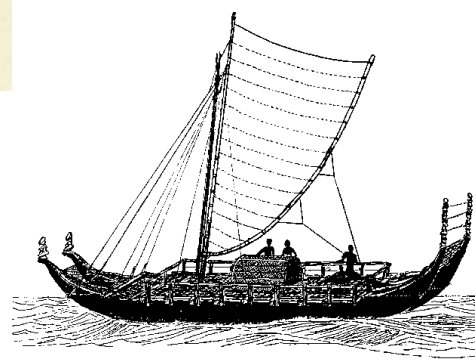
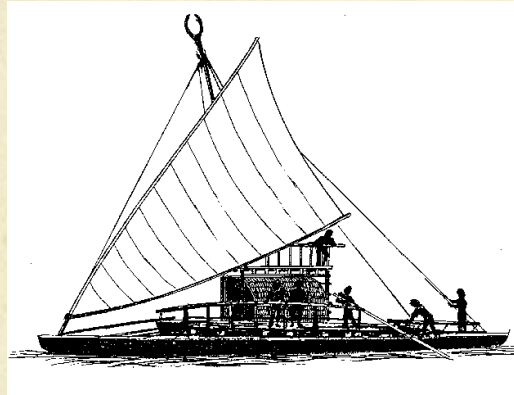
○Hawai'i Loa, Hawai'i

○Hokule'a, Hawai'i

○Makali'i, Hawai'i

○A'a Kahiki-Nui, Tahiti

○Tahiti Nui, Tahiti



Waka Moana Symposium 1996



In 1996 the NZ Maritime Museum in Auckland hosted an international symposium on Waka.

That gathering led to the Vaka Maona project in 2006, an exhibition that is still travelling the globe.



Pago Pago 2008



At the South Pacific Arts Festival in Pago Pago, acclaimed Maori actor Rawiri Paratene, called for Pacific peoples to assemble a fleet of vaka to sail to Hawai'i to protest the impact on whales of navy caused ocean noise pollution.

To achieve this Rawiri had negotiated funding from the German-based ocean environmental foundation Okeanos.

Te Mana o Te Moana 2010 -2012

Rawiri's vision has now morphed into Te Mana o Te Moana, a fleet of 7 vaka that has just completed an epic 2 year voyage across the Pacific to the US and back to the 2012 South Pacific Arts Festival in the Solomon Islands.

FIVS will be presenting on this voyage and our plans for the future this evening at OCACPS



Jitdam Kabeel, Marshall Islands 2010



In 2010 a 30' Marshall Islands outrigger canoe arrived on Aur atoll from Majuro.

It was the first long-distance voyage in the country using ancient navigation skills for 60 years.

Vaka Taumako Project

On the island of Taumako, the master sailor and 'Te Puke' builder Koroso Kaveia led a revival in canoe building and traditional sailing in 1996

Vaka Taumako Project plans to have three Vaka o Lata voyage to Vanuatu in late November or early December of 2013



Climate Challenger 2012



Last month the Climate Challenger sailed 2000 kilometres from Manus in Papua New Guinea through to Choiseul, Isabel and then to Honiara

A totally traditionally build vessel, Climate Challenger is the result of one remote community deciding to do something about climate change.

Pacific Voyaging Revival

- These are only some of the amazing stories of voyaging revival happening now on our Ocean
- What began with the Polynesian Voyaging Society has now spread all the way across the Pacific.
- FIVS is committed to seeing our Drua now join this growing fleet
- We ask all of you here today to help us make this happen for the sake of our children
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