

COLLEGE OF KAHAKAI: KNOW YOUR CANOE!

Parts of the Hawaiian Canoe (Selected) from http://archive.hokulea.com/ike/kalai_waa/parts.html

The canoe is called "wa'a."

"Wa'a kaukahi" is a single-hulled canoe; "wa'a kaulua" is a double-hull

'akea: hull of an outrigger canoe; starboard hull of a double canoe

ama: float on an outrigger canoe; port hull of a double canoe.

'eku: "snout" of the canoe, the prow, which digs into the ocean as a pig digs into the earth

halau wa'a: canoe house

hoe: a paddle; to paddle

'iako: arched crossbeams which fasten the floater (ama) to the hull in an outrigger canoe

ke'a: beams connecting the hulls of a double canoe

kua 'iako: portion of the 'iako lashed to the canoe hull

kuamo'o: hull; keel

kuapo'i: weatherboard

manu: curved endpieces covering the fore and aft parts of the hull; manu hope: back manu; manu ihu: forward manu

moamo'a: point at the stern end of a canoe

muku: part of the 'iako or ke'a that extends beyond the hull

pale: barrier; pale-kai or pale-wai: splashguards, sideboards, or weatherboards, used to keep breaking waves or swells out of the hull; pale kana: safety railing along or around the deck

puka 'iako

holes in hull through which rigging is passed attaching the iako

wae: cross brace