

# WA`A KAUKAHI (Single Hull Canoe)

Whether used to voyage across the oceans, race, or for simple fishing and diving, the WA`A (canoe) has a special place in the lives of Native Hawaiians. Here are brief translations of the parts of a Native Hawaiian canoe:

AHA – sennit, cord made of coconut husks or  
AHO – lashings

AMA – outrigger float

`IAKO – outrigger booms

KAHUNA KALAI WA`A – master canoe building expert

KAUPO`I – median bow cover

KUA MO`O – canoe keel

MANU HOPE – the back of the canoe

MANU IHU – the nose of the canoe

MO`O – the gunnels

NOHO`ANA WA`A – canoe seats

PALI KAI – breakwater on top of the canoe in the front

PEPEIAO – (ear) cleats or attachment points

WA`A KAULUA – double-hull canoe

WAE WA`A – canoe spreader

