POLYNESIAN VOYAGING SOCIETY
Crew Positions

The following is a list of crew positions. Some of the positions may be handled by the same person.

1. Captain - Commanding officer, responsible for operations and safety of the crew and canoe.

2. Navigator - Sets course of the canoe.

3. Sail Master - Determines which sails to put up. (If no sailmaster is assigned, the captain determines which sails are put up.

4. Watch Captain - Maintains operations, insures safety, and supervises crew during his watch (Usually a four hour shift on a long voyage; could be shorter for coastal and interisland sailing.) If no watch captains are assigned, then the captains fulfills this role.

5. Medical officer - Responsible for handling injuries, illness, and other medical problems.

6. Radio Operator - Handles transmissions, maintains radio log

7. Carpenter - Skilled craftsman

8. Electrician - Handles all electrical systems and maintains radio

9. Cook- Prepares meals for the crew

10. Quartermaster - Provisions the canoe, watches levels of supplies, maintains complete inventory

11. Fisherman - Sets and brings in lines daily; in charge of landing all catches

12. Spiritual Leader- Usually somebody good at "pule," or prayer.

13. Documentation: Video/film, photography, written records

14. Safety Officer - Maintains all safety and emergency systems