

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