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Hokule'a runs into high winds

High winds forced the Hokule'a to hitch up behind its escort vessel north of Maui last night, but the twin-hulled canoe is expected to arrive at Hilo without further incident this afternoon.

At 6 p.m. yesterday the Hokule'a was off the coast of Pauwela, Maui, according to Marlene Among of the Polynesian Voyaging Society. "All is well aboard," she said.

Both the 60-foot craft and its escort, the Ishka, were having "a little difficulty" with the tow-line jerking, Among said.

At 9:15 a.m. yesterday, the Hokule'a had crossed the Pailolo Channel and was about eight miles north of west Maui, she said. The canoe left Honolulu Tuesday on the Society's third attempt to reach Tahiti using ancient navigational methods.