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Mau Piailug and Gordon Piihana in front of Hokule'a at Pier 19 (right). Mau, who navigated on its first voyage to Tahiti, is making his own improvements to the canoe. Below, he tightens deck lashing. The cords are countersunk into the deck so they will not chafe bare feet during the voyage.



Hokule'a readied once more

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"The lashings on the outside are Hawaiian," said Mau Piailug, master navigator from the atoll of Satawal in Micronesia. "The inside deck lashings are Micronesian."

Mau, his cousin Peter Sapelalur and a son-in-law, Thomas Reity, both of Satawal, were lashing the deck to the iakos (crossbeams). As Mau sat on the deck, his helpers worked below in the gloom between the great double hulls.

The Micronesian and Hawaiian crew members are preparing Hokule'a for her longest and most



