

## Canoe Care

- Treat every canoe with respect. Club canoes, especially, should be given respect, as they are a shared resource.
- Do not sit on a canoe when it is not in the water. Do not walk over a canoe. When assembling and disassembling a canoe, be gentle.
- As you assemble your canoe, check the hull and the ama carefully for cracks. Press the canoe walls for signs of weakness. Tip the canoe back and forth and listen carefully for water in the hull.
- When the canoe is on the beach always point the nose of the canoe toward the ocean.
- Never sit or lean on the canoe when it is not in the water.
- Inspect the following before venturing out on the canoe:
  - Plugs
  - Iakos, especially the points where the iakos touch the canoe. Inspect them for signs of stress/cracks
- Do not drag or drop the canoe. Set the canoe down gently.
- Place the canoe gently in the water
- After you finish paddling, rinse the canoe off thoroughly with fresh water. Rinse the underbelly and the topside of the hull and ama.
- Lastly, buy and use a UV-proof canoe bag or cover. A canoe's hull will soften over time when exposed to UV.