

The National Museum of the American Indian, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation,
and the Friends of Hokule'a and Hawai'iloa

Hawaiian Canoe Launch and Ceremony

Monday, July 18, 2005

10:00 a.m.

Thompson's Marina

2900 Virginia Ave, NW, Washington D.C.

At the corner of Virginia Avenue and Rock Creek Parkway in Georgetown

Free and Open to the Public

The Friends of Hokule'a & Hawai'iloa, a non-profit organization, will hold a ceremony for the launching of a traditional Hawaiian canoe into the Potomac River. The construction of the 18-foot fishing canoe, "Au Hou" (New Era), began 15 years ago by master canoe builder Wrighto Bowman Jr.

In September 2004 the canoe was donated to the National Museum of the American Indian, where the finishing touches were completed in view of visitors. The Hawaiian canoe launch is part of a larger project of Native boat-building demonstrations at the museum.

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