

KANALOA KAHO'OLAWE TIMELINE

1976 -2026 AND BEYOND

- 1976**
 - January 4: First Landing at Kūheia, Kanaloa
 - February 13: First sanctification ceremony conducted on the island
 - Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO) formed; Kohemālamalama o Kanaloa incorporated
 - *Aluli vs. Brown* civil suit
- 1977**
 - George Helm travels to Washington, D.C.
 - March 9: George Helm and Kimo Mitchell disappear
 - Occupations continue; 27 arrested, 4 are jailed
 - Navy required to furnish an environmental impact statement
- 1978**
 - Hawai'i Constitutional Convention; Hawaiian language, culture, access and gathering rights recognized
 - Ho'o'ulu'ulu Lāhui in Ke'anae, Maui
- 1979**
 - Negotiations begin with the U.S. Navy
 - First Legal Access
 - Kealaikahiki Ceremony
- 1980**
 - Consent Decree between U.S. Navy and the PKO approved, beginning a period of joint governance/use of the island
- 1981**
 - Kaho'olawe listed on the National Register of Historic Places
 - Construction of the first traditional hale at Hakioawa begins
- 1982 - 1990**
 - Monthly access to Kaho'olawe and annual Makahiki
 - First public religious Makahiki ceremony to honor Lono since 1819
 - Negotiations with the Navy every six months
- 1986**
 - Opened ceremonies for Kanaloa
- 1987**
 - George Helm and Kimo Mitchell officially declared deceased; Plaques placed in their honor at Hakioawa
 - Dedication of pā hula, Ka 'Ie'ie
- 1990**
 - October 22: Bombings stopped
 - Congress appoints KICC (Kaho'olawe Island Conveyance Commission)
 - KICC conducts 21 studies
- 1991**
 - KICC conducts studies and holds public meetings on all islands to receive input for the future use of the island
- 1992**
 - August 16: Healing Ceremony with kūpuna and decision makers
 - Dedication of Mua Ha'i Kūpuna Kahualele at Hakioawa
 - KICC Final Report recommends that the island be returned to the people as a Cultural Reserve
- 1993**
 - Kaho'olawe Island Reserve (KIR) and Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) established to manage the island as a trust for eventual transfer to a sovereign Hawaiian governing entity
 - Congress sets the island aside for cultural, historical, archaeological and educational purposes and approves \$400 million for ordnance clearance
 - First *Hōkūle'a* navigators visit to affirm island as a good place for navigation training
- 1994**
 - May 6: Memorandum of Understanding with Navy to clear ordnance from the island
 - May 7: Kaho'olawe is transferred from the Navy to the State of Hawai'i
 - Cleanup of ordnance begins and continues through 2004
- 1997**
 - Rain ko'a for Kāne built at Moa'ulanui with its counterpart built at 'Ulupalakua, Maui
- 2001**
 - Joint 25th Anniversary of the PKO and Polynesian Voyaging Society celebrated at Honokanai'a
 - First gathering of wa'a kaulua at Kealaikahiki
- 2003**
 - November 11: Ceremonies to formalize the transfer of access control for Kaho'olawe from the Navy to the state are held at Hakioawa and at 'Iolani Palace
 - He 'Ula Hou o Kaho'olawe; Rebirth of a Sacred Island
- 2004**
 - April: Ordnance clearance ends and Navy departs the island
 - October: Ho'i Hou gathering of early island warriors and navigation schools.
 - Dedication of Kuhike'e navigational observation platform at Kealaikahiki
- 2008**
 - Training of Mo'opapa to open ceremonies for Papa
- 2009**
 - February: Kūkulu ke Ea a Kanaloa Cultural Plan for Kaho'olawe
 - November 11: Dedication of Nāmakapili Hale Hālāwai at Hakioawa
- 2011**
 - Launching of *Fa'afaite* from Kealaikahiki for her return voyage to Tahiti. The first launch of a wa'a kaulua from Kealaikahiki in modern history
- 2013**
 - Base camp at Kūheia Established
- 2013-2016**
 - I Ola Kanaloa: A Plan for Kanaloa Kaho'olawe created and enacted
- 2019**
 - Base camp at Ahupū established
- 2021**
 - Solar system at Hāweoikeaopili established
- 2022**
 - Solar system at Hāweoikeaopili established
- 2026**
 - Dedication of Mua Ha'i Kūpuna at Honokanai'a

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- EMMETT ALULI