



Sailing in the wake of the ancestors : reviving Polynesian voyaging / by Ben Finney

Description

In 1995 Hawai'iloa and five other double canoes, reconstructions of ancient Polynesian craft, set sail from the rugged Marquesas archipelago and headed north across the equator to Hawai'i. Their polynesian crews were sailing to commemorate the original discovery of Hawai'i some fifteen centuries ago and to celebrate the revival of long-distance voyaging that had begun during the 1960s. In *Sailing in the Wake of the Ancestors*, anthropologist Ben Finney tells the story of how Hawaiians and other Polynesians have struggled to become deep-sea voyagers again, and how their experiences are helping them to face contemporary problems with renewed pride and courage.