

Huli procedure

The procedure outlined below is to ensure that, when a huli happens for real (likely to be in rough water and/or a strong wind) the re-righting process is successful!

The waka hulis (overturns)...

1. Check crew are all above water and OK ... give yourself a couple seconds to make sure you are OK yourself ... then call out **“ROLL CALL”** ... crew numbers off 1 to 6

2. Instruct #1 to take #2 and #3's hoe and go to the front of the waka to hold nose pointing in to the wind (if possible).

Instruct #5 to take #4 and #6's hoe and go to the back of the waka to help #1 keep waka in line with wind direction.

3. Instruct paddlers #2, #3 and #4 to go into the safe area between the ama, waka and kiato.

4. Instruct one of #2, #3, #4 to help you right the waka by following your lead ... climb on to the front kiato then lie on their stomach on the hull with their near shoulder lined up with the kiato ... on your call, they reach down and grab kiato, slide body across hull and let feet hang in water on opposite side to pull waka over.

Instruct the two paddlers left in the safe area to help re-righting if needed by pushing up on kiato. WATCH OUT FOR KIATO COMING BACK Once the waka side closest to them surfaces, they need to rest on it with their body weight to control the turnover speed (to stop the ama hitting the water hard and potentially being damaged). They return to the water (do not enter waka from non-ama side) and, on your command, duck under the hull to come over to safe side.

5. Instruct #s 3 and 4 to enter the waka and start bailing using the buckets

You also enter waka - you can now see all paddlers and get your hoe from #5 so you can start controlling the waka.

6. #1, #2 and #5 enter on your command as waka is emptied of water ... to either help with small bailers or to help start waka moving in water. The rougher the water, the more needs to be removed before they get in to reduce the chance of swamping.

The above recommended procedure will have some variation from crew to crew e.g. a person who gets cold quickly or was injured in the huli is likely to be the first person you instruct to get back in the waka.