



Conquest of Paradise

RULES OF PLAY

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1. Introduction

Conquest of Paradise is an exciting historic simulation game for two, three, or four players, depicting the establishment of the great Polynesian maritime empires in the Pacific that existed well before European discovery. Players experience the same unknowns as their historic counterparts as they send out explorers to discover new island paradises. They settle islands, build canoes for commerce or conquest, train warriors, invest resources in cultural achievements, and organize colonists to expand, defend and develop their burgeoning island empires.

2. Components

A complete copy of *Conquest of Paradise* contains:

- This Rules Booklet
- Designer's Notes Booklet
- One 22"x34" Game Map
- Four Player Aid cards
- One 6-sided die
- 1 full sheet and 1 half sheet of die-cut playing pieces
- 2 sheets of Island Group Tiles
- 4 plastic Explorer Stands
- 28 Arts & Culture cards
- 27 Random Event cards
- 72 wood Villages (4 colors)
- 4 Home Island Disks (1 in each color)

2.1 Game Map

The game map depicts most of the Pacific Ocean, divided into hexagons (called "hexes" from now on).

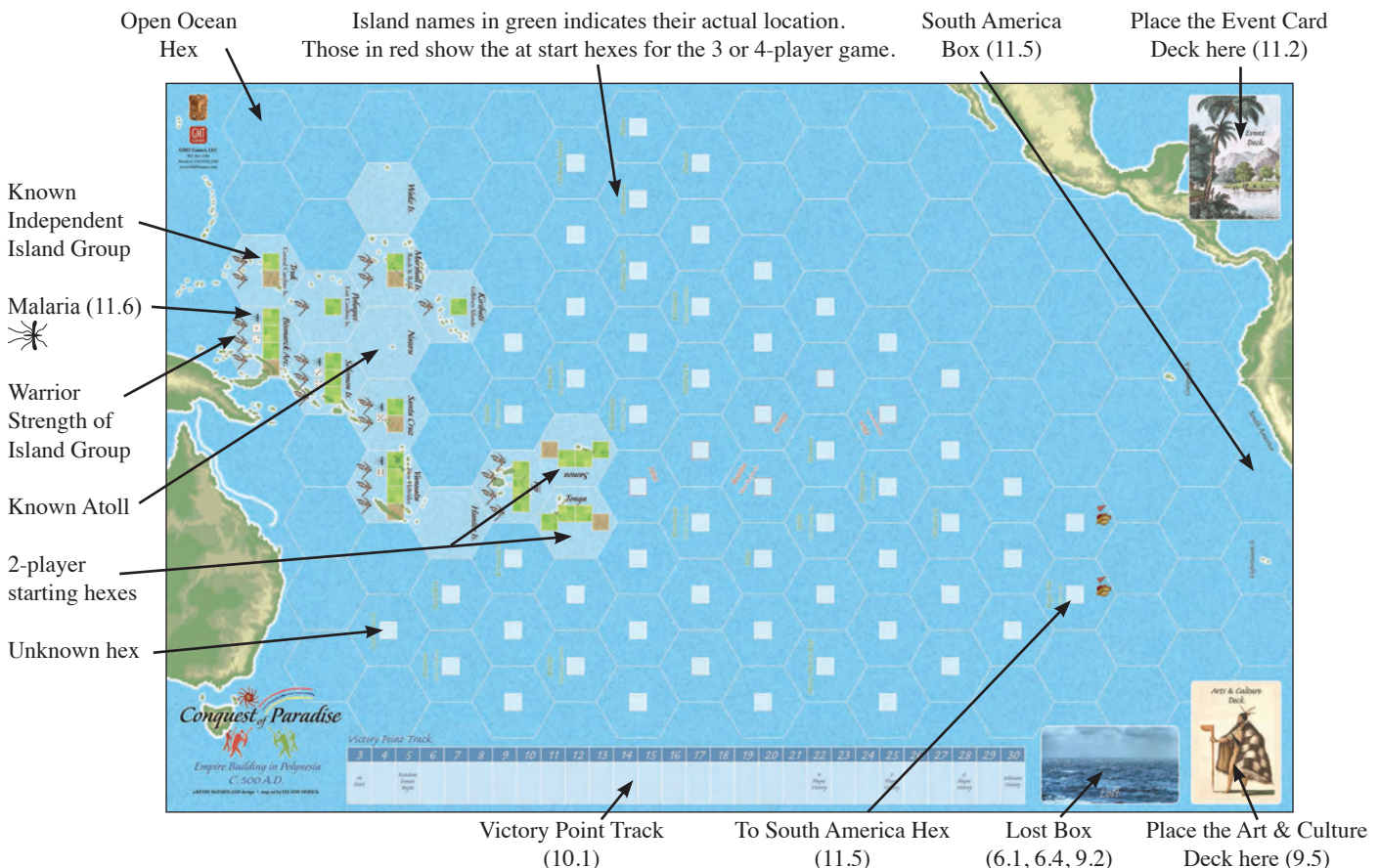
Unknown Hexes: The hexes generally east of Tonga and Samoa that are shown with a light blue box in the center of each hex are called the "Unknown." The geographical locations for Island Groups in the Unknown are shown for your reference. However, to simulate the sense of wonder and discovery, the locations in which you will find these islands are random.

Known Hexes: The other hexes are known hexes—either Independent Island Groups and Atolls printed on the map, or Open Ocean hexes. Once an Unknown hex is Explored and revealed as Open Ocean or an Island Group Tile (and flipped right-side-up), it becomes a Known hex.

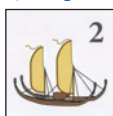
Open Ocean Hexes: These hexes are shown without a light-blue box to indicate that they cannot be Explored, although movement into them is allowed.

Independent Island Groups: The area generally west of Tonga and Samoa was known to the Polynesians, and occupied by others. These islands and atolls are already printed on the map with their Village sites, similar to Island Group Tiles. These hexes may not be Explored and the Independent Island Groups there are considered enemy controlled to all players. However, players may send their Warriors to conquer these hexes.

Non-playable: The area without hexes, (including the Americas and Australia), is off limits. The double-hex area labeled "South America" is used for the Kumara Advanced Rule (11.5).



2.2 Playing Pieces



Transport Canoe



Colony



Rumor



Local Warriors



War Canoe



Warrior Band

A star in the upper left corner of a Playing Piece shows that it is a Battle Piece. Only War Canoes, Warrior Bands, and Local Warriors may Battle with your opponents.

A number in the upper right corner of a Playing Piece shows that it can move, and how far. Pieces with a “2” can move two hexes during the Movement and Combat Step. Pieces without numbers cannot move by themselves, but they may be transported by Canoes. Local Warriors are an exception: they don’t move at all, and they appear when needed in Battle to defend one of your Island Groups.

2.3 Explorers

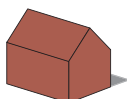


These are special Playing Pieces that can Explore one or more hexes during the Exploration Step. Place each Explorer in a stand. The names are for historical flavor only; see the Designer’s Notes for each Explorer’s story.

2.4 Markers



Home Island



Village



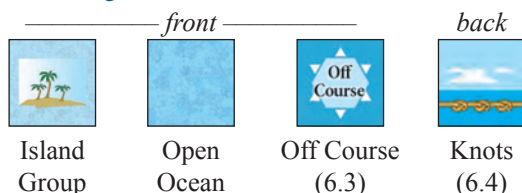
Improved Agriculture



Discovered Island

Home Island Disks indicate each player’s Home Island Group. Villages are in player colors; Improved Agriculture Markers are shared by all players. Discovered Island Markers indicate a player’s discovery before it is revealed to others.

2.5 Discovery Markers



Island Group

Open Ocean

Off Course (6.3)

Knots (6.4)

“Palm Tree” Markers show that an Island Group has been discovered in the hex. Plain blue markers show that Open Ocean has been discovered in this hex; these are placed on the map in the hex where they were discovered. Both types have a number of Knots on the back. Off Course Markers trigger a special event.

2.6 Island Group Tiles



Island Group Tiles are the lush Tropical Paradises whose possession allows a player to build Villages and achieve the wealth and power needed to win the game. You can read about each Tile in the Designer’s Notes.

The green boxes indicate how many Villages may be built on the Island Group. A brown box, if present, indicates that if Improved Agriculture is built, another Village can be built there. Villages (and Improved Agriculture Markers) are placed in these boxes during the game. The remainder of the tile can hold Playing Pieces.

Several Island Group Tiles are uninhabitable atolls. These tiles have no boxes under their title. While these may not be used to establish villages, the atolls nonetheless have value (10.2) if they are incorporated into your growing empire.



3. Game Setup

3.1 Procedure

Place the Discovery Markers (2.5) in a cup (or any opaque container). Discovery Markers are randomly selected from it whenever needed.

Shuffle the Arts & Culture Cards and stack them face down in their holding box on the map.

Place Island Group Tiles on the map needed for the number of players in the game (3.2) and set aside the Te Waka Maui Tile, which is used only with an Advanced Rule (11.3). Scatter the remaining Island Group Tiles face down in the box top. Island Group Tiles are selected from here whenever needed.

3.2 Home Islands

Set up the initial Home Islands as follows:

Two Players: use Tonga and Samoa, both printed on the map.

Three players: use Tonga, Samoa, and Hiva (Marquesas Islands). Place the Hiva Island Group Tile in its historic location on the map, facing the direction indicated. Then place the Flint Is. and Niue Island Group Tiles in their historic locations indicated on the map, facing the directions indicated. Reach into the cup and randomly remove Discovery Markers until you have three Island Group Markers and two Open Ocean Markers. Toss any excess draws back into the cup. Remove the three Island Group Markers from the game. Place the two randomly drawn Open

Ocean Markers on the map (ocean side up): one in the hex between Niue and Flint Is., and the other in the hex between Flint Is. and Hiva (north of Tuamotu). These locations are indicated in red on the map.



At start setup for 3 players.

Four players: Use Tonga, Samoa, Hiva, and Raiatea (West Society Islands). Set up for a three player game, as above. Then place Raiatea in its historic location on the map, facing the direction indicated. Finally, remove an additional randomly-drawn Island Group Marker from the game.



At start setup for 4 players.



You may place the Game End Marker at the appropriate spot for the number of players (see Winning the Game [10.4] on the Victory Point Chart as a reference.

Take out the Player Aid cards used for the number of players in the game. Decide upon the Home Island Group with which each player will begin the game. All players may simply agree where they wish to start. If not, then shuffle the above Player Aid cards. Each player randomly draws one and plays the Home Island Group described on the card.

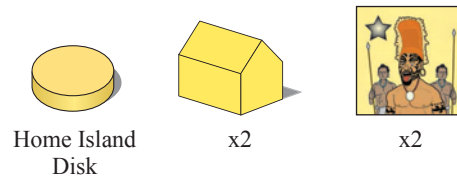
3.3 Player Pieces and Markers

Each player chooses one of the four sets of colored Playing Pieces and wood Villages.



Next, place the Home Island Disk in your color in your Home Island Group. Take two Villages and place one each in two green boxes on your island. Then place two Warrior Bands of your color, face down (7.5), in your Home Island Group. The remaining Pieces of your color are your unbuilt pieces, and are available for building during the game.

Starting pieces for yellow.



4. Turn Sequence

Each game turn consists of the following Steps, played in this sequence:

1. Turn Order Step (5.0)
2. Exploration Step (6.0)
3. Movement (7.0) & Battle Step (8.0)
4. Building Step (9.0)
5. Victory Step (10.0)

Each Step must be completed by all players before beginning the next Step. Players perform the Exploration, Movement & Battle, and Victory Steps by taking turns according to the order established by the Turn Order Step. However, they perform the Turn Order and Building Steps at the same time. See the Player Aid cards for a more detailed Turn Sequence outline.

5. Turn Order



The player in last place on the Victory Point Track takes the Turn Order Marker. If there is a tie for last place, then give the Turn Order Marker to the first Island Group in the following list which is tied for last: Tonga, Raiatea, Hiva, Samoa.

The player with the Turn Order Marker then decides who will go first this turn, and if play will proceed clockwise or counter-clockwise. That player places the marker in front of the player who will go first, and points the fish in the direction of play.

6. Exploration

6.1 Your Explorer



This Playing Piece represents your island's young adventurers and experienced navigators, those seeking new horizons, dissatisfied with the status quo. Players take turns sending them into the unknown vast reaches of the ocean in hopes of discovering new islands, new promise, and new lives.

Each player has one Explorer. Only Explorers may enter a hex that is Unknown, and only they may enter a hex with a face down Island Group Tile.

If your Explorer begins its Exploration Step in the **Lost Box (6.4)**, then remove it from the Box and place it in front of you. That concludes its Step—the Explorer does not Explore.

Otherwise, your Explorer may then Explore. Its Exploration Step consists of three stages:

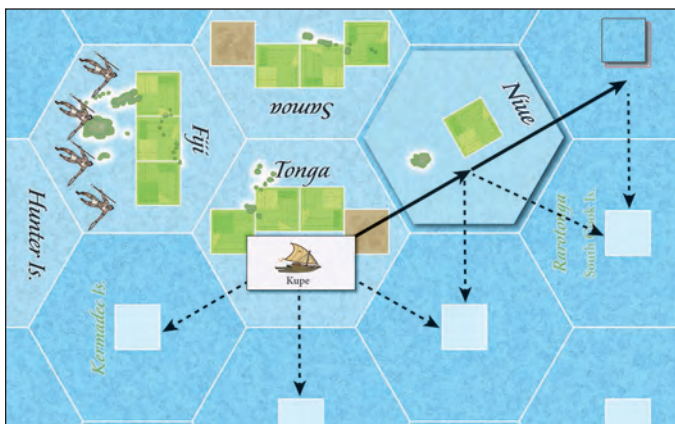
- **Pre-move:** a free move in which the Explorer moves to the edge of the Unknown.
- **Discovery:** find new Island Group Tiles and Open Ocean.
- **Resolution:** remove or flip Discovery Markers.

6.2 Pre-Move

Begin the Exploration Step by placing your Explorer on any one of your Controlled Island Groups (that is, an Island Group on which you have a Village). Next, you may move your Explorer across any **Known hexes (2.1)**, that are *not* Enemy hexes (see below), in order to reach a hex next to an Unknown hex.

NOTE: A Pre-move can move through any number of Known Open Ocean hexes, but discovering an Island Group so far away from your Villages that it cannot be colonized serves no purpose.

Enemy Hexes: An Enemy hex is an Independent Island Group, an Island Group Controlled by another player, or any hex that contains another player's Playing Piece.



Tonga's Explorer may begin to Explore in any one of the Unknown hexes adjacent to Tonga, or Pre-move to Niue or the Open Ocean hex northeast of Niue and begin its Exploration in any one of the Unknown hexes adjacent to those hexes.

6.3 Discovery

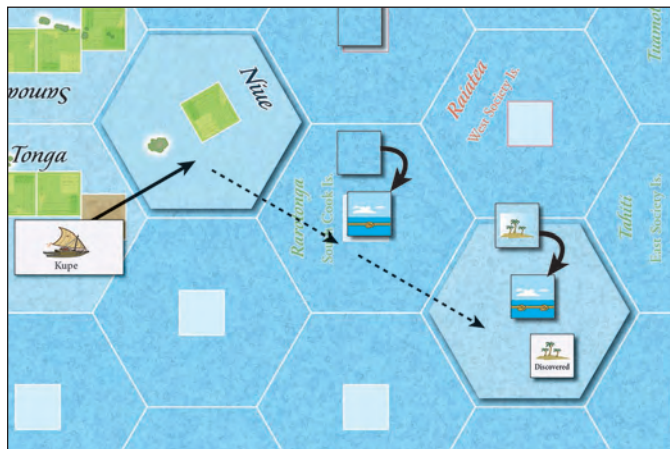
After the Pre-move (if any) Explorers move into a hex in the Unknown. Draw a Discovery Marker from the cup, and look at both sides of it. One side of the Marker shows the type of Discovery made: an Island Group (palm trees), Open Ocean, or Off Course. The other side of the Marker shows Knots on a rope: one, two, or three Knots on Island Group and Open Ocean Markers; zero Knots on Off Course Markers.



If you've drawn an Open Ocean Marker, place it in the hex where it was discovered. Leave the Marker with its Knot side up until you have finished Exploring.



If you've drawn an Island Group Marker, reach into the box top and randomly draw an Island Group Tile. (*Look at it with your best poker face!*) Then place it face down in its hex, hidden from the other players, and place one of your Discovered Island Markers on the Tile. Alternately, you may reveal the Tile immediately, by placing it face up on the map (orient it with your Home Island Group). Either way, place the Knot-side-up Discovery Marker on the Tile.



The Tonga explorer makes a Pre-move to Niue, then sails southeast into the unknown. In the first hex he draws a Discovery Marker which is a single-knot Open Ocean. He then sails further southeast and finds a 2-Knot Island Group. He draws a tile and places it face-down. The Tonga explorer has sailed for a total of 3 Knots.

An Island Group Tile can be flipped right-side-up at any time by any player who discovered it. Return the Discovered Island Marker(s), flip over the Tile, and orient it in the same direction as the Home Island Group of the player who reveals it.

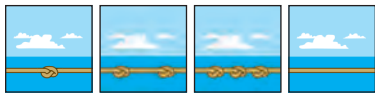


If you've drawn an **Off Course Marker**, you don't Explore the hex you were expecting to! The player sitting to your left moves your Explorer into an adjacent hex. This **MUST** be a hex that your Explorer can Explore: any hex in the Unknown (including a hex with a face down Island Group that another player has Explored).

Your Explorer then Explores the new hex, by choosing another Exploration Marker. Remove the Off Course Marker from the game immediately after the new hex is chosen. The Exploring player might choose to back-track and Explore the originally chosen hex later in the turn.

However, if you've drawn an Off Course Marker when your Explorer is in a hex with no Unknown hexes adjacent to it, then the Explorer stays where it is. Place an Explored Hex 2-Knot Marker as a penalty. You may choose to try again to Explore in that hex.

6.4 Knots



The Knots on Discovery Markers symbolize the amount of wear and tear endured, or simply the time spent, by an Explorer investigating a particular hex. How far an Explorer may go before being compelled to return Home (or worse, becoming Lost) is up to the player's desire to keep looking—and the player's luck.

After Exploring a hex, check the total number of exposed Knots to see how many you have accumulated this turn:

- **4 or less Knots showing:** you may Explore into another adjacent hex, or you may choose to Return.
- **5 Knots showing:** your Explorer **MUST** Return.
- **6 or more Knots showing:** your Explorer is **Lost**. After resolving the Exploration of this last hex, place your Explorer in the Lost Box on the map.

To **Return your Explorer**, simply place it in front of you.

6.5 Special Exploring Situations



You may examine a face down Island Group Tile with another player's Discovered Island Marker on it by moving your Explorer into the hex—either deliberately or through an Off Course result. It costs two Knots to do this: place an Explored Hex 2-Knot Marker in the hex. After examining the Tile, place one of your Discovered Island Markers on the Tile. Or, if you wish, flip the Island Group Tile face up right now. More than one player's Discovered Island Marker can be on a face down Tile. However, when all players have Discovered that Island Group, flip the Tile face up, orient it, and return the Discovered Island Markers to their owners.

You may have only three Discovered Island Markers on the map at one time. You must choose to reveal an Island Group (to free a Marker) if you wish to place one on a newly discovered Island Group. Alternately, you may choose to immediately reveal the newly discovered Island Group.

After Exploring a hex, you may wish to traverse a Known hex (that is not an Enemy hex) in order to get to another Unexplored hex. It costs two Knots to do this: place an Explored Hex 2-Knot Marker in the hex.

6.6 Resolution

Finish your exploration for the turn by either declaring a Return, being forced to Return (with five Knots) or going to the Lost Box (with six or more Knots). At this time, examine each Discovery Marker with Knots showing:

- Flip Open Ocean Discovery Markers to their plain blue side and leave them in their respective hexes on the map.
- Remove Island Group Discovery Markers from the game (but not the player-colored Discovered Island Markers or the Tiles

under them!). *NOTE: Discovery Markers are never placed back in the cup.*

- Remove any Explored Hex 2-Knot Markers and set these aside for future use.

7. Movement & Battle Step

7.1 The Three Stages

There are three stages to the Movement & Battle Step:

- **Transit (7.2):** a free move in which you may shift your Playing Pieces within your empire, along your Transport Canoe Chain.
- **Movement (7.3-7.6):** sending your Canoes out beyond your existing empire.
- **Battle Resolution (8.0):** settle any conflicts in hexes occupied by yourself and another player.

7.2 Transit

A player's Movement and Battle Step may begin with a Transit Pre-move. If you have a Transport Canoe Chain (see below), you may move as many of your Playing Pieces (Colonies, Warrior Bands, Transport Canoes, War Canoes, and Rumors) along it as far as you wish. Transport Canoe Chains have an unlimited capacity during Transit. However, any Transport Canoes serving as part of the Chain may not themselves move during this stage.



A **Transport Canoe Chain** is simply a line of face up Transport Canoes, with one Canoe in *every* hex, including each Island Group being connected and every Open Ocean hex between them. (Even your Home Island Group must have a Transport Canoe to be part of a Chain.) The Chain can connect with more than one adjacent hex. Transport Canoe Chains are necessary for the Transit pre-move, for optimum flexibility in Building, and for gaining Bonus Victory Points for your Controlled Island Groups.

You may not turn over any Transport Canoes to their face up side, or otherwise reveal any concealed Transport Canoes, until *after* your Transit pre-move.



Both Tuamotu and Kermadec Is. are connected by Transport Canoe Chain to Tonga; Pitcairn Is. is not.

7.3 Movement

After the Transit stage, you may flip any of your Transport Canoes face up or face down (7.5). Your Transport and War Canoes (both face up and face down) may then move one or two hexes. Each hex a Unit enters counts the same, regardless of what's in the hex. Moves may not be saved from turn to turn, nor transferred to other Canoes.

Movement Restrictions:

- **Transport and War Canoes** may only enter Known Hexes (see 2.1), they may never enter the Unknown. You may flip up an Island Group Tile that you have Explored (i.e., with one of your Discovered Island Markers on it) immediately before moving onto it.
- **Transport Canoes** may not enter a hex containing an enemy Controlled Island Group (see below) or enemy Piece, unless they are moving with at least one War Canoe in their stack.
- **War Canoes** must stop moving if they enter a hex with an enemy Controlled Island Group, or if they enter a hex containing an enemy War Canoe. The Pieces must then attack the Island Group or enemy Canoe(s) after all movement is completed. War Canoes can move through a hex containing enemy Transport Canoes (with no effect on them) or they may stop their movement and have a Battle there.

Enemy Controlled Island Groups: Any Island Group controlled by another player (10.2) or an Independent Island Group (8.5) that has not been conquered.

Open Ocean: There are no restrictions to moving Canoes into and remaining in Open Ocean hexes, whether printed on the map or discovered as Open Ocean. If the Open Ocean hex contains an enemy piece, then entry requires a War Canoe.

7.4 Canoe Carrying Capacity

Transport Canoes can carry one Warrior Band OR one Colony with them as they move. War Canoes can carry one Warrior Band. Warrior Bands *must* be carried by a War Canoe to take part in an attack. Any Warrior Band aboard a Transport Canoe may not participate in a Battle, whether defending in Open Ocean or in any attack anywhere.

Canoes may freely pick up and drop off Warrior Bands and Colonies as they move. A Piece may not be moved by more than one Canoe in a turn (after any Transit pre-move).

7.5 Stacking and Hidden Units

There is no limit to the number of Playing Pieces that may be stacked in a hex. To show the relative uncertainty your people faced confronting the vast Pacific, Playing Pieces stacked together should be placed face down and may not be examined by other players. However, if there are any Transport Canoes in a hex, one must be placed face up at the top of that hex's stack in order for it to be part of a Transport Canoe Chain. Also, note that all players will have the chance to examine the Playing Pieces in a hex during a Battle.

7.6 Rumors



Each player begins the game with two Rumors, which may be "built" for no cost, and placed (face down) during the Building Step.

Players may move their Rumor pieces in any way they wish during their Movement & Battle Step. If a Rumor is revealed, it's removed, but it may be rebuilt during any following Building Step. You may remove it from the map at any time; it must be removed from the map if involved in a Battle. It was only a Rumor...

8. Battle Resolution

8.1 The Basics



A Battle occurs when at least one of your War Canoes ends its Movement in a hex containing an enemy Controlled Island Group, or a hex containing enemy Canoes. You must finish moving all of your Canoes

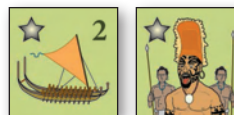
before resolving any Battle. If there will be more than one Battle in your turn, you decide the order in which they will be resolved.

8.2 Procedure

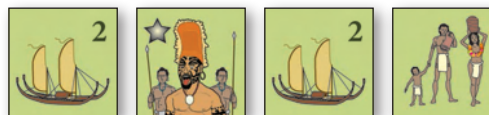
Both players remove all of their Playing Pieces in the contested hex, and place them to one side. Place the Battle Marker in the hex. All players are allowed to inspect the Pieces involved in a Battle, so spread them out on the table. Return any Rumors to their owners and place the Pieces in the following order:

- Warrior Bands defending an Island Group, Warrior Bands on War Canoes (both the Warrior and the War Canoe), and empty War Canoes go in the front row.
- Warrior Bands that arrived in Transport Canoes, and all other (non-Battle) Pieces, go in the back row.

Front Row:



Back Row:



A sample battle setup for one player

The player who moves Pieces into Battle is the attacker; the other player is the defender. Only the Pieces in each player's front row are eligible to attack or defend.

Local Warriors: If the defender is on an Island Group with one or two Villages on it, then place **one** of the defender's Local Warriors in the front row for this Battle. If the Island Group has three or four Villages, then place **two** of the defender's Local Warriors.

Undefended Hexes: If the defender has no Battle Pieces and cannot place Local Warriors (on an Island Group with Villages) then the attacker automatically wins. The defender must Retreat from the hex.

If the defender has at least one Battle Piece, then the Battle begins. The attacker rolls one die and checks the result:

- 1 one of the **attacker's** Battle Pieces is Removed.
- 2, 3 one of the **attacker's** Battle Pieces Panics.
- 4, 5 one of the **defender's** Battle Pieces Panics.
- 6 one of the **defender's** Battle Pieces is Removed.

Removed: The Piece is removed from the battle and placed with the player's other unbuilt Pieces.

Panic: The Piece may no longer be used in this Battle. Place it in the back row with any other non-Battle Pieces.

When a player has more than one Battle Piece in a Battle, and one must be Removed or Panics, the owning player decides which Piece is affected.

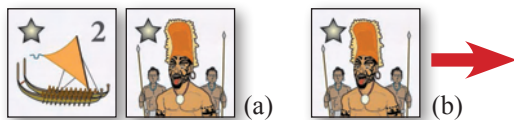
The attacking player continues to roll until the Battle is resolved. Once Battle commences it may not be broken off until one side is victorious... *such was the pugnacity of Polynesian warriors!*

Ending the Battle: When all of one player's front-row Battle Pieces have been Removed or Panicked, then the Battle is resolved. That player must retreat any surviving Pieces from the contested hex.

8.3 Retreating

When Pieces must retreat from Battle, gather all of the Pieces that survived the battle: non-Battle Pieces and Panicked Pieces. Each Warrior Band and Colony must have a Transport Canoe or War Canoe to carry it in retreat; if not, it is removed.

Place the Retreating Pieces face up on the nearest friendly Controlled Island Group. When two (or more) Island Groups are the same distance away, the owning player may choose which of the Island Groups to retreat to. However, these Pieces may not be placed in any hex currently containing enemy Battle Pieces.



A Canoe is available to carry one Warrior Band (a) in retreat. No Canoe is available for the other Warrior Band (b). It is removed.

8.4 Island Group Conquest

If the attacker of an Island Group wins the Battle, then the attacker removes all Villages on that Island Group from play. *Improved Agriculture is never removed, so if the Village is in a brown box simply remove the Village and keep the Improved Agriculture Marker in its place.*

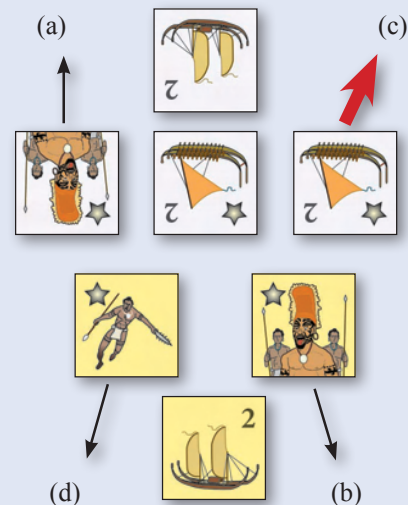
Saving Villages: The attacker may “save” one enemy Village for each surviving Battle Piece (either Warrior Band or War Canoe) that the player chooses to remove from play. The Piece(s) chosen for removal must be from those in the front row who did NOT Panic in the Battle. This decision must be made immediately. *Only the bravest and most decisive of warriors get to rule the newly conquered Island Group.*

Place one of the victorious attacker's Villages for each “saved” enemy Village. The attacker also takes Control of the Island Group if at least one Village is saved there.

Losing Your Home Island Group: If a player's Home Island Group is lost in Battle, that player must immediately declare another Controlled Island Group to be his new Home Islands, and place his Home Island Disk on that Island Group.

Combat Example

A force of one Warrior Band, two War Canoes, and one Transport Canoe attacks an Island Group with two Villages. The defending Transport Canoe has one Piece under it, which is revealed as a Warrior Band. One Local Warrior is then added for the two defending Villages. After placing the Battle Marker on the hex, both players set their Playing Pieces aside; the attacker sets his Transport Canoe back behind the Battle Pieces, and the defender does the same on his side.



The attacker first rolls a 3, must Panic a Battle Piece; chooses to Panic the Warrior Band, and slides it back with the Transport Canoe (a). The attacker next rolls a 4; the defender chooses to Panic one Warrior Band (b). The attacker then rolls a 1, and must remove one War Canoe (c). The attacker then rolls another 4. The defender must Panic the Local Warrior (d) and must now Retreat from the hex, since the defender has no more un-panicked Battle Pieces in the front row.

The Local Warrior is removed and placed back with the player's unbuilt Pieces. The defender's other Pieces are placed in the nearest Controlled Island Group, with the Warrior Band riding on the Transport Canoe.

At this point the attacker could save one of the two Villages on the Island Group by removing the victorious War Canoe. However, the victorious attacker chooses not to remove his War Canoe, so both Villages are removed. The attacker picks up the Island Group Tile and turns it to face the same direction as the player's Home Island Group. The attacker's other Pieces, a Transport Canoe and a Panicked Warrior Band, then (rather sheepishly) join the victorious War Canoe on the newly conquered Island Group.

After Battle Regroup: Regardless of whether the attacker or defender was victorious, after winning a Battle (and, for the attacker, deciding on whether to “save” any Villages) the winning player’s non-Warrior Pieces and Panicked Warriors join any victorious Warriors in the hex. These Pieces are placed face down; however, if at least one of the victorious player’s Pieces is a Transport Canoe, then one Transport Canoe may be placed face up.

Local Warriors: Always remove all Local Warriors after a Battle. Regardless of whether the defender wins or loses, Local Warriors are always available for the next Battle.

8.5 Independent Island Groups

When an attack is made on an Independent Island Group printed on the Known part of the map, place a Village (use another player’s Villages for this short-term task) in each green box in the hex. (Do not place Villages in brown boxes.) Place a number of blue Independent Island Group Local Warriors equal to the number of Local Warrior symbols printed on the map. If the attack fails, the Island Group remains Independent, and the full number of Local Warriors are again available for any later attack. If the attack succeeds, then at least one of the winner’s Pieces must always be kept in the hex.

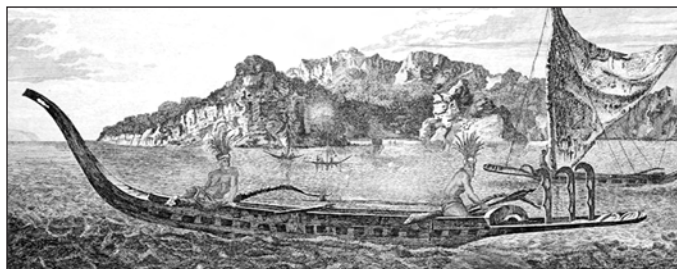
9. Building

9.1 Build Points

Your ability to create or Build new Pieces depends on the number of Villages that you control. Each Village provides one Build Point every turn. Consult the Build Chart (on the Player Aid cards) to determine the number of Build Points needed to create each item. The facilities and talents inherent to a Village are used, either alone or in combination, to build your desired items.

9.2 Turning Inward

Prior to actual construction, you may receive one extra Build Point if you elect to skip your Exploration Step for the following turn. *In effect, the people are turning their energies inward, and this extra production capability is its reward.* During the Building Step, if you choose to Turn Inward in this manner, place your Explorer in the Lost Box. You receive one extra Build Point that may be used in your Home Island Group, or any Controlled Island Group connected to it by Transport Canoe Chain. On the following Exploration Step, recover your Explorer from the Lost Box in the usual way.



9.3 Building Procedure

Building occurs at the same time for all players. Players may not look at what (and where) the others Build before placing their own Builds. If there’s a dispute, players may agree to hide their Builds in their hands and then place them on the map in turn order. Once an item is Built, it can not be undone.

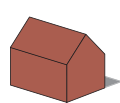
Build Points: First, count the Villages you have. You receive one Build Point for each of your Villages.

Combined Building: All Villages on Island Groups connected by a Transport Canoe Chain at the start of the Building Step may combine their efforts to Build things. In addition, the items Built may be placed in *any* Controlled Island Group on the Transport Canoe Chain. All new items must be placed in a hex that already contains a Village.

Isolated Building: An isolated Island Group builds by itself: the number of Build Points that can be spent there is limited to the number of Villages there. This idea also applies to Island Groups that have their own Transport Canoe Chain which is not connected to the rest of the player’s Island Groups. Such an enclave conducts its Builds separately from the remaining islands.

Counter Limits: The number of Pieces of each player’s color is intended to be a limiting factor. However, in the unlikely event that your Villages run out, then use non-player Villages or other markers in their place.

9.4 Villages



How Many per Island Group: The number of Villages that may eventually be built on an Island Group is limited by the number of boxes printed on that Island Group. Villages cannot be built on Atolls.

In a brown box, an Improved Agriculture Marker must be built—and placed on the brown box—before building a Village in the box. Both the Improved Agriculture and the Village may be built in the same turn.



Colony Required: A Colony must be moved to a newly discovered Island Group to build the first Village there. In your next Build Step, after you have completed all other Builds, you may then replace your Colony Pieces with Villages (at no additional cost in Build Points). A previously Controlled Island Group with no Villages remaining, as a result of Battle, Random Event or Malaria, must have a Colony moved to it as if it were a newly discovered Island Group.

Additional Villages: A Village may be built on a Controlled Island Group (that already has at least one Village on it) by spending two Build Points (see the Build Chart). There must be a box available on the Island Group to place the Village. You may also Build a Village on a Controlled Island Group by replacing a previously built Colony with a Village.

Build Limit: There is a limit to how quickly an Island Group can develop. Only one new Village may be Built per Island Group per turn.

9.5 Arts & Culture Cards



Players may choose to invest their resources in advancing the cultural environment and prosperity of their island empires, represented by the Arts & Culture cards. See the Designer's Notes booklet for a full historic description of each card.

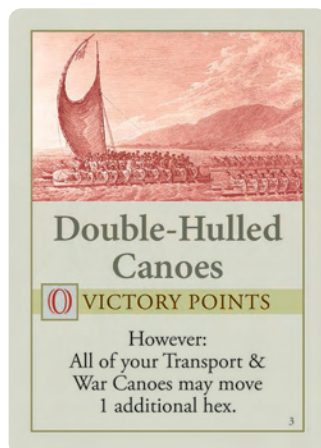
Cost: Use two Build Points during the Building Step to draw an Arts & Culture Card. **Each player may Build only one card per turn.** If you purchase a card, draw the top card from

the deck; do not show anyone else. You may reveal it at any time: either right away, at any point during any player's turn, or at the end of the game. Once you reveal a card, it stays revealed.

Victory Point Cards: Most cards provide a Victory Point. Some of these provide an additional one-time bonus (blue VP number); others provide an additional bonus that stays in effect for the remainder of the game (red VP number).

Battle Bonus: Some cards provide a Battle bonus. A player with two or more of these cards may use each card in every Battle. However, each die roll may only be affected by ONE card; therefore, the defender must be allowed to elect (or decline) to use a card before the attacker does.

The player owning a card always chooses when to use—or not use—a card's ability.



10. Victory Step

10.1 Victory Points



Players gain Victory Points by controlling Villages (9.4), Island Groups (10.2), Atolls (10.3), and through Arts & Culture card VPs (9.5). Players check how many Victory Points they have during the Victory Step. Consult the Victory Point Chart on your Player Aid Card, and move your marker on the Victory Point Track (up or down, as required) to show your current number of Victory Points. (They are *not* added cumulatively each turn.) Victory Points for face down Arts & Culture Cards are not counted until they are revealed.

10.2 Control of Island Groups

Players occupy any Island Group where their respective Pieces are located. But an Island Group is Controlled by the player who builds a Village there, or by a player who has taken the Island Group in Battle, and saved at least one Village. An Island Group without a Village is not Controlled by anyone.

Tile Orientation: Your Island Group Tiles should be turned in the same direction as your Home Island Group. But remember, if you take an Island Group printed on the map in Battle, then you must always keep at least one Piece of your color there (until another player conquers that hex).

10.3 Atolls

Island Groups with no Village boxes are uninhabitable Atolls, which cannot be Controlled. However, you may gain a half (½) Victory Point by having the Atoll contained within a Transport Canoe Chain connected to your Home Island Group.

Though the atolls themselves were uninhabitable, the Polynesians were able to use the atolls' resources—transforming them into stepping stones for further adventures into the unknown.

10.4 Winning the Game

The game ends during the first Victory Step in which a player successfully declares to have at least **28 Victory Points in a two player game, 25 in a three player game, or 22 in a four player game.** To declare Victory, you must reveal all of your Arts & Culture cards bearing Victory Points.

If a recount shows a mistake, or if another player reveals the *DEFORESTATION* card, and no one has the Victory Points required to win, then the game continues. But if any player does have enough Victory Points to end the game, then the game ends. All players reveal all of their cards, and tally their final Victory Points.

If more than one player has the required Victory Points in the same Victory Step, then the player with the most points wins the game. Ties are won by the player with the most Controlled Island Groups. If a tie still exists, then the tied player with the most Arts & Culture Cards wins.

11. Advanced Rules

The following rules add an extra degree of realism (and complexity) to this game. These may be used in whole or individual rules may be added as the players wish. It is recommended that the basic game be played at least once before any Advanced Rules are added.

11.1 Variable Game End



Players may agree to end the game at any number of Victory Points. All players must agree to the Victory Point (VP) level, set before the game begins. Place the Game End Marker in the appropriate box of the Victory Point Chart. It is recommended that no more than three VP's be added or subtracted from the standard game-ending VP levels.

11.2 Random Events



The Polynesians had more to worry about than their opponents! These Random Events add chaos to the game; players must strive to turn it to their own advantage.

Shuffle the Random Events deck. Place it face down in its holding box on the map.

Card draws begin in the Turn Order Step (5.0) immediately following the first Victory Step in which any player attains **five or more Victory Points**, and

continue each turn until someone wins the game. The player in last place decides if he will draw a Random Event or determine the Turn Order; the next-to-last place player performs the other choice. (If there is a tie, break the tie in the manner as given in the Turn Order section.) The player responsible for determining the Turn Order must do so before the other draws a Random Event card.

If the card has a blue title bar (and it says “Keep this Card...” at the start of the event description) then read the rest of the description to yourself, smile mischievously, and place it face down with you. It can be played at any time that the drawing player chooses. Otherwise, the Event is read aloud to all, and the effects of the card are resolved immediately.



Fourteen special markers are provided for use with the Random Event deck. Each has the name and number of its matching Event card on its back.

If any Event results in a player ending up with less than two (2) Villages on the map, then the effects of that Event are reversed—as if there were no Event that turn. Events affect an Independent Island Group (printed on the map) only if a player Controls it. Also, if an Event creates a situation where there are five (or even six!) Villages in a hex that is attacked, the defender now receives three Local Warriors in the Battle. In that case, use one of the blue Independent Island Group Local Warriors for the third one.

11.3 The South Island

The player who discovers New Zealand actually finds two tiles: Aotearoa and Te Waka Maui (the South Island). If the South Island Tile must be placed off the board—as it was historically—it is not in the game. But if it's in play, it can be a great asset to its owner—or a giant target for the other players!

Place the Te Waka Maui (The South Island) Tile to one side at the start of the game. Do not place it with the other Island Group Tiles that are ready to be discovered. If you find the Aotearoa tile during the course of play, place it face down in its hex, as usual.



When you choose to reveal Aotearoa, flip it face up and also take the Te Waka Maui tile. Carefully place the Aotearoa tile in its proper orientation. Then place the Te Waka Maui tile adjacent to Aotearoa, in the proper geographic relationship between the two. The island graphics will align as shown.

The Te Waka Maui Tile takes the place of any Unexplored hex, any Open Ocean hex (either printed on the map, or previously explored) or any face down Island Group Tile. Remove any Open Ocean Marker or face down Island Group Tile from the game. If there is a face up Island Group Tile in the hex that the South Island belongs in, then remove the South Island from the game. Likewise, if the place that the South Island belongs in is off the map (i.e., there is no hex for the spot) then remove the South Island tile from the game.

Te Waka Maui acts like any other Island Group in all ways, except one. During the Movement & Combat Step, Warrior Bands and Colonies may move between Aotearoa and Te Waka Maui without Transport Canoes. Similarly, they may retreat between these two Tiles (after losing a Battle) without Transport Canoes.

11.4 Saved Resources

Polynesian society had only primitive economic planning, and a limited ability to store valuable resources. However, some small amount of “reserving” may be conducted.



You may choose to build nothing with one Village, and save a Build Point for another turn. To do so, place the Saved Resources Marker face up in front of you during the Building Step. You may flip the marker back to “No Reserve” to gain an extra Build Point in any future Building Step, either on your Home Island Group or any Controlled Island Group connected to it by a Transport Canoe Chain. You may not have more than one Build Point saved.

11.5 Kumara (Sweet Potatoes)



During the period simulated by this game, the Polynesian people found a thing of great value outside the Polynesian triangle: kumara, or sweet potatoes. After a hazardous journey to South America, kumara's native land, it proved to be a rich agrarian boon to those who found them—or took them from those who found them! Polynesian farmers managed to turn a mere few of these valuable tubers seized from neighbors into whole fields, and their cultivation spread throughout Polynesia (as well as Micronesia and Melanesia).

Players may elect to send their Explorer in search of Kumara in lieu of any other activity during the Exploration Step.

To perform this search, you must be able to execute an Explorer Pre-move to one of the two hexes with the “To South America” symbol. These hexes are at the eastern end of the Polynesian Triangle. For this special Pre-move, Explorers cannot traverse the pre-printed Open Ocean hexes on the East end of the board. If you are unable to reach one of these two hexes during the Exploration Pre-Move, you may not search for Kumara. But if you can reach either hex, then you may declare your search for Kumara.

From one of the two “To South America” hexes, you may attempt to move your Explorer into the “unknown”—for this rule, the pre-printed Open Ocean hexes—toward South America. Roll on the table below to see if your Explorer can Explore each hex. If you avoid rolling a Lost or Return result, you may move one hex. This continues until you are Lost, forced to Return, or are successfully able to Explore into the area labeled “South America”.

<i>Die Roll Result</i>	<i>Effect</i>
1	Lost
2	Return
3	Return
4	Off Course
5	Explore
6 or more	Explore

Explanation of Kumara Search Table Effects:

- **Lost** – Treated the same as any other Exploration.
- **Return** – Treated as any other Exploration.
- **Off Course** – You pick any hex adjacent to your Explorer that is not closer to South America than the one it is currently in. Move the Explorer there.
- **Explore** – Move the Explorer to any adjacent hex, or into South America if the Explorer is already in a hex adjacent to South America.

Die Roll Modifiers for the Kumara Search Table:


- +1 if you have a “+1 Galapagos Islands” Marker from finding either the Unfortunate Islands or the Galapagos Islands (see below).
- +1 if you have at least one *NAVIGATION*, *POI*, or *DOUBLE HULLED CANOES* Arts & Culture Card face up. Having more than one card provides no additional modifier.
 - If you have the *OCEAN CHART* Arts & Culture Card face up, then Kumara Search Table results of “Lost” become a “Return” instead.

Galapagos Markers: If your Explorer enters either the hex labeled “Galapagos Islands” or “Unfortunate Islands”, then you have stumbled upon a desolate Island Group between the Polynesian Triangle and South America. These islands serve as a re-provisioning station on the journey to South America. Take a “+1 Galapagos Islands” Marker. This will add one to each of your future die rolls on the Kumara Search Table. You may only have one “+1 Galapagos Islands” Marker, regardless of which Island Group you find.

Victory Point Value: Once your Explorer has successfully reached South America, the Explorer is Returned. Immediately take one Kumara Marker, worth two Victory Points. Each player may acquire no more than one Kumara Marker.

Capturing Kumara: If any player successfully attacks an enemy Island Group Controlled by a player that holds a Kumara Marker, and at least one Village on that Island Group is “saved” after the Battle to become a Village of the conquering player, then (if he does not already have Kumara) the victorious player immediately gets a Kumara Marker and its two Victory Points. The original Kumara owner does *not* lose either the Kumara Marker or its two Victory Points.

11.6 Malaria

 *Most of Melanesia suffered from endemic malaria (except New Caledonia, which is included with Vanuatu in the game). Anopheles mosquitoes never made it to Micronesia or Polynesia, so those areas are immune to Malaria.*

This rule can take effect on the first turn after any player takes control of an Island Group in the Malaria Area of the map. These Island Groups are indicated with a mosquito graphic (✱). The Samoan player rolls one die during each Turn Order Step after the event is triggered. On a roll of 1 or 2, Bismarck Archipelago is struck with malaria. On a 3 or 4, it is the Solomon Islands. A 5 is Santa Cruz, and a 6 is Vanuatu. These results are printed on the map in the Island hexes.

If Malaria strikes an Island Group that is still Independent, there is no effect. If Malaria strikes an Island Group that is Controlled by one of the players, remove one Village from the affected hex. If the affected Island Group has no Village to be lost to Malaria, there is no effect.

Solitaire Rules

The player takes on the role of Tonga. The initial setup is the same as for a two-player game. Your “opponent” will be Samoa and he will expand from there.

Setup

Set the four “Attack!” Solitaire Game Chits aside – these are added after six chits have been pulled. Place the remaining 11 Solitaire Game Chits in an opaque container.



There is no reason to place Island Group Tiles and Pieces onto the map face down; always place everything face up while playing the solitaire game.

Procedure

In all situations involving a choice to be made by your “opponent”, and there is a tie, use the die to choose randomly. (For example, when choosing the Island Group with the most Warrior Bands and more than one Island has the same number of them.)

It is recommended that the Solitaire game be played without using any of the Advanced rules. However, if you wish, you may add The South Island, Saved Resources, and/or Malaria to your Solitaire game.

The game proceeds in the usual manner, with changes to each Step as outlined below. Most changes govern the actions of your “opponent”.

Turn Order Step

Beginning with the second turn, during each Turn Order Step you must draw one Solitaire Game Chit and immediately apply the results. First, provide your “opponent” with the material listed on the “Expand” side of the Chit. Then, carry out the directions on the “Action” side of the Chit. See the Expand and Action sections below.

Exploration Step

If you draw an Off Course chit, then shift your Explorer to the eligible hex that is furthest from Tonga.

Each time you discover an Island Group, it may already be occupied by your “opponent”. Roll the die:

- If the result is LESS THAN the number of hexes that the discovered Island Group is away from Tonga (measured in hexes, as the albatross flies, with no concern about what is in the intervening hexes), then the Island Group is Controlled by your “opponent”.

–1 Subtract one from the die roll if the hex in question is an equal distance from Tonga and Samoa.

–2 Subtract two from the die roll if the hex in question is closer to Samoa than it is to Tonga.

If the discovered Island Group is controlled by your “opponent”, then determine what enemy pieces are occupying the islands.

- First, always place an enemy Transport Canoe on the Island Group—even if it is just an Atoll.
- Next, roll the die for each green box on the tile: on an even result, place a Village in the box. On an odd result, don’t place a Village. Do not roll for brown boxes.
- Finally, roll the die for each Village you have placed: on an even result, place a Warrior Band in the Island Group. On an odd result, don’t place one.

If you discover an Island Group, and it is *not* controlled by your “opponent”, and it has four Village boxes on it (total, green and brown boxes), then you must draw one Solitaire Game Chit and apply the results (see the Expand and Action sections below) immediately after your Exploration is complete. Note that it’s possible to have more than one Chit to resolve at this time; you may do so in any order you wish.

For a more challenging solitaire venture, experienced players should draw a Solitaire Game Chit whenever an Island Group with 3 or 4 boxes on it is discovered.

Movement and Battle Step

Movement and Battle are handled in the same way as the basic game. In Battle, when your “opponent” must pick a piece to Panic or Remove, use the following guidelines:

- When a piece is Removed, first remove Local Warriors, then Warrior Bands, and finally War Canoes.
- When a piece Panics, first shift back War Canoes, then Warrior Bands, and finally Local Warriors.

If you occupy Samoa, then pick another of his Island Group for your “opponent’s” Home Island group. Pick the Island Group with the most Villages on it. If there are no other Island Groups, then the next Island Group assigned to your “opponent” with at least one Village becomes his Home Island Group.

4. Building Step

Your Builds are handled in the usual manner. Your “opponent” never Builds anything during this Step.

5. Victory Step

You win the Solitaire Game by attaining 30 Victory Points during any Victory Step when there are at least two Solitaire Game Chits remaining in the opaque container. (That is, you have not drawn more than 13 of the 15 chits.) If you fail to attain 30 Victory Points before there are two or fewer Chits remaining during the Victory Step, you lose.

Expand

1 Card: Provide your “opponent” with one Arts & Culture card. Leave the card face down until the next time you attack your “opponent”, or he receives an “Attack!” or “Explore!” Action, at which time all of his cards are revealed. Cards with an ability will be used by your “opponent” at the first opportunity.

Transport Canoe Chain: Place a Transport Canoe in your “opponent’s” current Home Island Group (usually Samoa), and add Transport Canoes as required to connect all of your “opponent’s” Island Groups and Atolls (that can be connected) to his

current Home Island Group. Do not place a Transport Canoe in any location already containing one. Transport Canoes must be placed in Known hexes that are not occupied by you. If there are no such Island Groups, or if all are already connected, then ignore this Expansion.

1 Village: Provide your “opponent” with one Village, placed on his Island Group that has the most empty green and brown boxes. If there are no empty boxes, then ignore this Expansion.

1 Village per Island: Provide your “opponent” with one Village on each of his Island Groups that have an empty green or brown box. If there are no empty boxes, then ignore this Expansion.

2 Warrior Bands: Provide your “opponent” with two Warrior Bands, placed using the order of precedence below:

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:

- 1 Place with any War Canoe without a corresponding Warrior Band.
- 2 Place on any Island Group that has more Villages on it than it has Warrior Bands—highest priority given to the Island Groups with the most Villages.
- 3 Place on Island Groups with no Villages and no Warrior Bands.
- 4 Place on Atolls—never more than one Warrior Band per Atoll.
- 5 Finally, any remaining Warrior Bands go to Island Groups with more than one Warrior Band per Village—highest priority given to the Island Groups with the most Villages.

1 Warrior Band: Provide your “opponent” with one Warrior Band using the order of precedence listed above.

1 Warrior per Village: Provide your “opponent” with Warrior Bands as required, so that each of his Island Groups has at least one Warrior Band per Village. If all Island Groups have one or more Warrior Bands per Village, then ignore this Expansion.

1 War Canoe: Provide your “opponent” with one War Canoe, placed on your “opponent’s” current Home Island Group (usually Samoa).

Action

Build: Take no additional actions beyond the placement of Expansions.

Defend: Take no additional actions beyond the placement of Expansions.

Explore!: Your “opponent” Explores around Samoa:

- Reveal any face down cards that your “opponent” has.
- Exploration proceeds in the following manner: from the first Unexplored hex southeast of Samoa (marked Niue) counter-clockwise with the hexes adjacent to Samoa through to the hex labeled Tuvalu; then to the hex north of Tuvalu, clockwise through all of the Unexplored hexes that are two hexes from Samoa, to the Rarotonga hex; then three hexes from Samoa, counter-clockwise beginning with the hex labeled Tubai. Continue outward in this manner as necessary.



Shown are Samoa’s first 4 hexes to explore and the order that other Unknown hexes are explored.

- Skip any hexes that have already been Explored, including those Explored by Tonga (you), jumping directly to the next Unexplored hex in the above sequence.
- Keep Exploring hexes until at least five total Knots are showing – or at least six total Knots if your “opponent” has the Navigation or Ocean Chart card.
- Place a Samoan Transport Canoe on every Island Group that is found, including Atolls.

The Samoan Explorer cannot be Lost. Off Course Chits have no effect on your “opponent”.

Attack!: All of the War Canoes of your “opponent”, with one Warrior Band each (if available), attack your islands:

- Reveal any face down cards that your “opponent” has.
- Determine which of your Controlled Island Groups (those with at least one Village) that your “opponent” can reach. Consider any possible Transit on Transport Canoe Chains as well as any additional movement possible because of Double-Hulled Canoes or Poi.
- Your “opponent” will attack your Controlled Island Group with the fewest defending pieces (Warrior Bands + War Canoes + Local Warriors). When tied, the closest tied Island Group to Samoa is attacked.
- If your “opponent” has War Canoes in more than one location, each location will determine its target separately. This may or may not end with your “opponent’s” War Canoes combining their attack.
- See the Solitaire Movement & Battle Step above for choices made by your “opponent” in battle.
- If your “opponent” wins and takes your Island Group, you must Retreat as in normal Battle. Your “opponent” will “save” just one Village, and his remaining pieces will remain in the hex.
- One attack by your “opponent” can be stopped by an Arioi card that you have.

Notes on Pronunciation

Polynesian languages are based on a limited number of sounds, with only seven consonants (h, k, l, m, n, p, and w). Every vowel is pronounced, as follows:

- a - pronounced ah as in father
- e - pronounced ay as in pay
- i - pronounced ee as in bee
- o - pronounced oh as in toe
- u - pronounced oo as in boot.

Words are grouped in syllables, none of which are accented. English speakers have problems with this concept, and thus have changed the Polynesian word Hawaii from “ha-why-ee” to “ha-WHY-ee.” Think of popular depictions of how native Hawaiians speak (remember *Hawaii Five-O?*) when pronouncing place names in this game. Thus, Raiatea is not “ray-tea,” but rather “rah-ee-ah-tay-ah.” Moai is “moe-ah-ee.” Aotearoa is “Ah-oh-tay-ah-row-ah.” Try it; it’s fun!

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