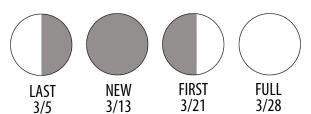
## 'Ākau (North) Hōkūpa'a North Star 'lwakeli'i Cassiopeia Nāhiku Big Dipper Hōkūlei (omohana (West) Nānāmua Makali'i Castor **Pleiades** Mars Nänähope Pollux Kapuahi Höküpä Aldebaran Leo Betelgeuse 6 **Puana** Procyon Heiheionākeiki 'A'ā Sirius KMA totion Keali'iokonaikalewa Canopus Hema (South)

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This star chart incorporates the Hawaiian Star Compass and is oriented for an observer looking up and facing South. In this orientation, the Hikina (East) horizon is on the left and the Komohana (West) horizon is on the right.

This chart reflects the night sky over Hawai'i at 8pm.

## **March Moon Phases**





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## **March Highlights**

- > **Spring Equinox** March 19 marks the vernal or spring equinox when the sun will be rising exactly east and setting exactly west. This day is celebrated as the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere.

  Observers may notice that the days are getting longer as we leave the winter season behind; the term equinox acknowledges this observation as our daylight and nighttime hours are becoming more equal.
- > **Kekāomakali'i** This is the last month to celebrate the first of our four Star Families, Kekāomakali'i, The Bailer of Makali'i. This metaphorical celestial canoe bailer appears to be scooping up stars on the eastern horizon, carrying them overhead, and pouring its contents out and into the western horizon.