



Golden Rule News



Summer 2023



Golden Rule Sails Again for a Nuclear-Free World!

In 1958 four Quaker peace activists sailed the *Golden Rule* toward the Marshall Islands in an attempt to halt nuclear weapons testing. The US Coast Guard boarded her in Honolulu and arrested her crew, causing an international outcry.

Arrest of the crew and rising awareness of the dangers of radiation led to worldwide demands to stop nuclear testing. This spurred the U.S., the U.S.S.R. and the U.K. to sign the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of 1963.

In 2010 the *Golden Rule* sank in Northern California. For five years, dozens of Veterans For Peace, Quakers and other volunteers restored her.

Nuclear Abolition Mission Restored!

From 2015 - 2022 the *Golden Rule* sailed the West Coast between British Columbia and San Diego and to Hawai'i and back.

The Golden Rule Project has given hundreds educational presentations about nuclear issues and led many peace flotillas. Thousands of people visited the *Golden Rule* during four wooden boat shows.

**The *Golden Rule* now sails for a nuclear-free world
and a peaceful, sustainable future.**

The Great Loop Voyage

From September 2022 through December 2023 the *Golden Rule* is sailing "The Great Loop". Starting in the Minneapolis / St Paul area, she sailed down the entire Mississippi and TenTom River System, along the Gulf states, to Cuba and back, and is headed up the east coast to Maine, through the Hudson River and Erie Canal, around the Great Lakes, and down the center of the country back to the Gulf of Mexico.

This 15-month voyage will take the *Golden Rule* into 100 towns and cities and cover 11,000 miles.

Along the way, *Golden Rule* representatives will speak to many groups about how their actions can bring about nuclear disarmament and stop the possibility of nuclear war.

In this time of war, bringing hope through action is a great antidote to the fearful messages that governments and media spread.

Golden Rule events also highlight local environmental, climate change and peace & justice issues by giving others a chance to speak and connecting their issues to the need to stop all war.



Great Loop Volunteers Needed

Organize an event!

Are you a member of a peace, justice, environmental, climate change, civic club or political action group? Are you a member of a church? Are you a student or teacher? Please contact Project Manager Helen Jaccard at 206-992-6364 or vfpgoldenruleproject@gmail.com for information on organizing an educational event for your group.

You can welcome the Golden Rule to your town, host a panel presentation, have a potluck, a gala dinner fundraiser, or a community peace party. Plant a peace pole!

Schedule: bit.ly/GRStops Map: bit.ly/GRGLMap

Volunteer in other ways!

Volunteers, please let us know how you can help - we need crew hosts, musicians, authors, speakers, social media posters, and more - here's the form:

vfpgoldenruleorg/volunter

Assure a Successful Voyage - Donate Now!

With your help, the *Golden Rule* can visit 28 large cities and 68 small towns, bringing awareness of nuclear issues to thousands of people at a moment when more people than ever are concerned about the possibility of nuclear war.

Please make a tax deductible donation

- Online at vfpgoldenrule.org
- By check to: VFP Golden Rule Project
PO Box 87, Samoa, CA 95564
- Call Helen Jaccard, 206-992-6364 with credit card information.

Veterans For Peace Nuclear Posture Review

In anticipation of President Biden's Nuclear Posture Review, Veterans For Peace has released a "correct posture" that would bring about safety from accidental or intentional nuclear war. It presents a sane US position with respect to other nuclear nations - a posture of all-out cooperation instead of full-spectrum dominance. tinyurl.com/VFP-NPR

Toronto Preliminary Schedule

The schedule is still to be announced, but the boat will arrive July 24 and depart July 27, 2023

For more information about public events and sailing, contact:

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Negotiate Peace in Ukraine - Don't Risk Nuclear War!

The war in Ukraine has greatly increased the possibility of nuclear war. It is imperative that peace-loving people press for a cease-fire and negotiations to end the war before it is too late! **Veterans For Peace statements on the Ukraine war:**

veteransforpeace.org/take-action/diplomacy-not-war-peace-ukraine

Hope through Action!

Actions you can take:

- Write letters to the editor calling for abolition of nuclear weapons
- Encourage your city council to pass a resolution in support of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and other measures to stop the possibility of nuclear war
- Ask your Representative and Senators to co-sponsor the "Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act" (HR 2850)

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