



Golden Rule Peace Boat Heads for Hawaii!

Sailing for a Nuclear-Free World and a Peaceful, Sustainable Future

The Golden Rule and crew sailed towards Hawaii July 11 12:12 pm!



Captain Milosz Kaczorowski (front) with Chris Mayer, Tom Rogers and Tate Furr
Read more about the crew below.

After over a year of planning and a couple of false starts, the *Golden Rule*, a project of Veterans For Peace, is on its way to Hawaii. They started the first ocean crossing of the “*Peace in the Pacific*” Voyage from San Diego to Hilo, Hawaii on July 11! **They are now only 900 miles from Hawaii! Wahoo! We expect *Golden Rule* and her crew to reach Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii approximately August 2.**

Golden Rule is sailing to Hawaii as part of a 2 ½ year voyage to do our part to stop the possibility of nuclear war and bring attention to the environmental and human cost of nuclear and military activity on Pacific Islands as well as how Island communities are ***Resisting Nuclear Madness and Militarism.***

Hawaii Visit Schedule (Approximate)

Hawaiian Island schedule:

Hilo area (Big Island) Aug 5 - 27

Kona area (Big Island) Aug 29 - Sept 8

Maui Sept 11 - 29

Lanai Oct 1 - 8

Molokai Oct 10 - 17

Oahu Oct 20 - Dec 1

Kauai Dec 1 - 12

The goals of the voyage to Hawaii, the Marshall Islands, Guam, Okinawa, Korea and Japan are to:

- Support the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons;
- Support steps to avert the possibility of nuclear war; and
- Raise awareness of the dangers of all nuclear activities and militarism to the environment and humanity.



Follow the Golden Rule! You can follow the *Golden Rule's* voyage on a map that updates every 10 minutes: <https://share.garmin.com/goldenrule>



Receive daily updates while the Golden Rule is en route. Join the Google Group at <https://groups.google.com/forum/?nomobile=true#!forum/grdaily/join>.

Help Keep the Wind in our Sails!

We have a goal to raise \$20,000 during the three to four week voyage to Hawaii - we'll need to pay for docks, communications, captain, food, diesel and crew flights when we get to Hawaii.

Please donate generously to keep the wind in our sails at vfpgoldenrule.org or support our [GoFundMe](https://gofundme.com/f/help-the-golden-rule-sail-to-and-around-hawaii) campaign at gofundme.com/f/help-the-golden-rule-sail-to-and-around-hawaii

Be part of the voyage!

You can send notes of encouragement, comments or questions to the crew
In addition to financial support, the crew would like to hear from you! Emails sent to vfpgoldenruleproject@gmail.com will be forwarded it to the boat's satellite email account each day.

Preparation for Hawaii Voyage

All activities since the engine failure in early May have been on preparing the Golden Rule and her new crew to sail across the ocean.

Thanks to the generosity of several donors, including Humboldt Bay Veterans For Peace, we were able

to purchase a new engine and newly re-designed exhaust system. The total bill, including the repair dock, was just over \$18,000. Thank you SO MUCH for making the crossing to Hawaii possible!

Phoenix of Hiroshima and Golden Rule Together Again

In 1958 the Phoenix of Hiroshima represented both boats in completing the voyage to the Marshall Islands. Both the Phoenix and the Golden Rule sank in 2010, but the Phoenix is still under water. The Reynolds family and Phoenix Board of Directors decided not to raise and restore her, so they donated \$11,000 (the cost of the engine itself). Thank you so much to the Phoenix Board of Directors and Jessica Reynolds Renshaw, cabin girl on the Phoenix in 1958!

The Golden Rule now represents both boats and carries a plank from the Phoenix for the Peace in the Pacific Voyage.

Golden Rule received a very touching letter from Phoenix of Hiroshima. You can read them at <http://www.vfpgoldenruleproject.org/phoenix-of-hiroshima-and-golden-rule-correspond/>

Fill our Hawaii schedule!

Are you a member of a Hawaiian peace, environmental or faith-based group, yacht club, political party or club, women's group, labor union, indigenous / native organization, service club, or other group?

Would you like to schedule a screening of the award winning documentary "Making Waves: Rebirth of the Golden Rule", a presentation by the Golden Rule crew, or a chance to go sailing on the Golden Rule?

Please email vfpgoldenruleproject@gmail.com to schedule events for your organization.

Captain and Crew

Their motto: "We are the crew that will take *Golden Rule* to Hawaii"



Captain Milosz Kaczorowski, 30, from Poland is leading the crew across the Pacific

Milosz is very competent and professional, with the highest captain's license issued by Poland and extensive ocean

experience on the US West Coast, the Mediterranean, across the Atlantic and the North Sea. The other crew members really respect and admire Milosz.



Chris Mayer Chris Mayer, 58, from Belmont, California worked on electronics and as a crew member before the previous voyage. Chris enjoys building robots that teach themselves to walk. He frequently sails in San Francisco



Tom Rogers, 73, from Keyport, Washington is a retired Navy Captain. Having commanded nuclear-armed

submarines, he now works for nuclear disarmament and participates in nonviolent direct actions to protest against the nuclear weapons and submarines at the Bangor Trident Nuclear Submarine Base near Seattle. Tom crewed on *Golden Rule* in 2016 and assisted with the first water-based protest against the Bangor Base since 1982, when the first nuclear-armed submarines arrived there. He was First Mate of the early May attempt to sail to Hawaii.

Tate Furr, 19, from Greensboro, North Carolina has a captain's

Bay and the West Coast and teaches celestial navigation.



license for the Neuse River, where he teaches youth to sail. He's been on two ocean voyages and will enter his sophomore year at Appalachian State University this fall.

Nuclear News

Nuclear "Modernization" - more costly and risky each year!

<https://truthout.org/articles/as-us-modernizes-its-nuclear-arsenal-costs-and-risks-soar/>

According to [Ploughshares.org](https://ploughshares.org), the price tag for the five "nuclear modernization" programs is probably close to \$2 Trillion, including variable-yield gravity bombs and air launched cruise missiles.

These adjustable selective yield weapons can produce less radioactive fallout, and may thereby lower the threshold for using them, making a nuclear conflict more likely.

The US thinks it can win a nuclear war. The Joint Chiefs of Staff posted an updated version of U.S. nuclear policy that included the passage: "Using nuclear weapons could create conditions for decisive results and the restoration of strategic stability ... specifically, the use of a nuclear weapon will fundamentally change the scope of a battle and create conditions that affect how commanders will prevail in conflict." But there are no winners in a nuclear war. Just destruction of human lives and a planet that might not produce enough food for years.

Nuclear weapons won't protect us. Beatrice Fihn of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons said, "The [Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#) is the vehicle where we stigmatize and reject nuclear weapons so that they are seen as unattractive, problematic, dangerous — what they actually are is a security threat to anyone who has them."

Climate change isn't our only existential threat

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/06/opinions/nuclear-war-climate-change-2020-opinion-helfand/index.html>

by Author: Ira Helfand, a medical doctor, member of the international steering group of the [International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons](#), the recipient of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize and co-president of the [International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War](#), "America confronts a long list of critical problems and they all require urgent attention. But among them, two issues stand out: catastrophic climate change and nuclear war are unique in the threat they pose to the very survival of human civilization. The enormity and imminence of these twin existential threats cannot be overstated and how to confront them must be the central issue of any presidential campaign."

Three US States embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

(from the above article) "A campaign to focus national attention on this issue has begun to take shape around the [Back from the Brink platform](#), a Green New Deal for the nuclear threat. Supported by more than 200 professional associations, faith communities, peace and environmental groups, it has been endorsed unanimously by the US Conference of Mayors, and by the municipalities of Baltimore, Los Angeles and DC, as well as being approved overwhelmingly by the California and Oregon legislatures and the [New Jersey General Assembly](#).

The Golden Rule Project is encouraging supporters to introduce legislation to support the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and Back from the Brink platform in their cities, counties and states.

The New Jersey legislation is particularly well-worded because it includes all of the Back from the Brink platform -

- **ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**
- **renounce the option of using nuclear weapons first**
- **end the President's sole authority to launch a nuclear attack**
- **take their nuclear arsenal off hair-trigger alert, and**
- **cancel the plan to replace the entire arsenal with enhanced weapons.**

... "By taking these steps, the United States would commit to a process of dismantling its stockpile of nuclear weapons."
