

*VFP Golden Rule Project to
VFP Board of Directors
2023 Jan - May 14 Report*

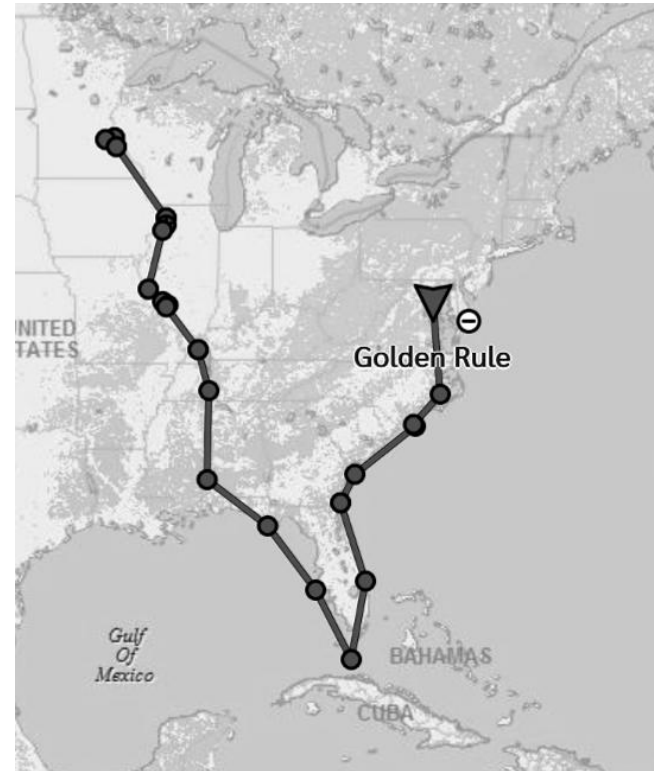


Veterans For Peace Golden Rule Project

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“The Great Loop” - over 1/2 way through! Started 9-22, to Chicago 9-23



- 10,300 miles
- 28 big cities, 68 small towns
- 480 presentations - reach 12,400 people directly
- 100,000s through press

2023 Q1 Program - Started with the voyage to Cuba!



2023 Q1 (Jan, Feb, Mar) Program

Jan1 - 12: CUBA!

Six Golden Rule representatives went by sea and five by air to Cuba for an “Arts & Cultural” visit.

We were on international and local TV and learned that Cuba is not a state that supports terrorism and does not suppress religious freedom.

The group visited Pinar del Rio, where 10,000 homes were lost to Hurricane Ian - we gave personal hygiene gifts and \$2,500 to support the efforts to rebuild the homes.



The Golden Rule in Hemingway Marina near Havana, Cuba



The Entire Cuba Delegation (from land and sea!)



Zoe Byrd, Captain James Akau, Cindy Boyum, Captain Kiko Johnston-Kitazawa, Captain Chris Appleton, Enya Anderson next to a tile mural of "Gramma" boat

The VFP delegation arrives back from Cuba!
Gerry Condon, James Akau, Enya Anderson, Chris Anderson, Zoe Byrd,
Kiko Johnston-Kitazawa





January - Miami, New Smyrna

The Raging Grannies sang and Citizens welcomed the Golden Rule

We interacted with groups of faith:

Friends Meetings, Soka Gakkai Buddhists, Buddhist Mahayana sect from Vietnam Retreat Center,

Activists: Hands Off Cuba!, Raging Grannies, CodePink

Golden Rule Reps joined Miami activists to call for the end of the Cuba Blockade



February: Jacksonville, FL, coast of Georgia

Nuclear Watch South, Sail-by and Protest at Kings Bay Nuclear-Armed Trident Submarine Base!





Art Roche, Joanne Swenny, Teresa Grady and Glenn Carroll were aboard to see the Trident Nuclear submarine base from the water

Feb 14 - 21: New Brunswick, GA

Catholic Worker Teresa Grady lives there and helped connect the Golden Rule Project with local Racial Justice advocates!

- Black high school classes visited the Golden Rule
- We joined a youth bike ride
- Showed *Crimson Tide*, starring Denzel Washington and Gene Hackman
- Attended Athanaxius Episcopal church
- Met with “Better Glynn” environmental organization

Feb 20 - 22: Savannah, Georgia

Upriver is the infamous Savannah River Site Constructed during the early 1950s to produce the basic materials used in the fabrication of nuclear weapons, primarily tritium and plutonium-239. It is now an EPA superfund cleanup site



Black high school students visited the Golden Rule



Peace picnic in the park!



Feb: Brunswick and Savannah, GA and Charleston, SC
Commemorating March 1, 1954 Castle Bravo destruction in the Marshall Islands



Activist Joanne Sweeney entertained us with peace folk music



Captains Jan Passion and Holly Clements, front
Deck hand Art Roche, activist Teresa Grady and high school students took a ride



We fly the sails whenever possible!



Crew Michael Torbert, Wayne Heins and Captain Kiko Johnston-Kitazawa



Gloria Hays plays the hammered dulcimer for supporters in Jacksonville, FL



At least 14 Mayors and City Councils have given the Golden Rule a warm Proclamation of Welcome!



Mayor and City Council of

Brunswick, Georgia

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in February 1958, four Quaker activists sailed the Golden Rule from California towards the Marshall Islands in an attempt to stop nuclear bomb tests in the Pacific and were arrested, prompting worldwide protests - which helped convince President John F. Kennedy to sign the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of 1963; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Rule has been restored by Veterans for Peace and will be in the Brunswick Landing Marina from February 14th 2023 through February 19th 2023 to: support the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, raise awareness about the environmental and human costs of military and nuclear activities, and support efforts to stop the possibility of nuclear war.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Brunswick welcomes the Golden Rule to the Brunswick Landing Marina and extends best wishes for a successful journey.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

Kendra L. Rolle
Kendra L. Rolle, Commissioner

Attest: *Naomi D. Atkinson*
Naomi D. Atkinson, City Clerk

Date: February 15, 2023



Making a peace sign out of ribbons messages
Art plays an important role in reaching people



Many fires off of the coast of Georgia, often caused by military firing ranges



Beautiful hand-drawn flyer announces events in Charleston, SC

This flyer was used by several other cities to announce events!

☺ SAILING FOR A NUCLEAR FREE WORLD AND A PEACEFUL, SUSTAINABLE FUTURE ☺



GOLDEN RULE PEACE SAILING TOUR 2023

A WEEKEND OF PEACE COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

FEB 25TH: Crew Reception + Documentary @ Tin Roof, 6-8 PM

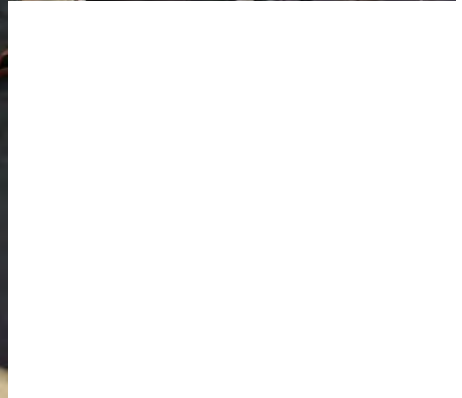
FEB 26TH: Peace Picnic + Open Mic @ Cannon Park, 12-3 PM

FEB 27TH: Q&A w/ Crew + Friends @ Chs Main Library, 5:30-7:30 PM

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:
<https://tinyurl.com/GoldenRuleCHS>

☺ SAILING FOR A NUCLEAR FREE WORLD AND A PEACEFUL, SUSTAINABLE FUTURE ☺

More trouble with the RV than with the Golden Rule!



The old-fashioned compass froze - but it thaws just fine!



Cultural events for elimination of Nuclear Weapons



Norfolk, Virginia - home to all
branches of the military

The Golden Rule with a huge
navy ship in the background



Feb 27 - Mar 5: Wilmington and Beaufort North Carolina

Skip Oliver gave a presentation at the Beaufort National Maritime Museum

March 18-22 (A typical VERY busy schedule!)

Norfolk, VA and nearby Hampton Roads communities

Official Welcome and Press Conference

Visit and Tour Golden Rule sailboat

Party at the Plot

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula

Coastal Virginia Unitarian Universalists

Croc's 19th Street Bistro Celebration and Fundraiser

Alexandria, VA and Washington, DC

March 26 - April 16

On April 12 & 13 Golden Rule crew and representatives walked the halls of Congress!

Every member of Congress and the Senate received a VFP Nuclear Posture Review!

The challenge - digitize hundreds of business cards and contact the Defense aids



VETERANS FOR PEACE

NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW



January 2022



Golden Rule Events DC, VA & MD!

Veterans For Peace is sailing around Turtle Island in the historic "Golden Rule" to buoy our collective consciousness of the nuclear threat; to cascade our resolve toward clean water for Mother Earth & All Her Children.

You're invited to board this extraordinary 39-foot wooden ketch, celebrate adventure-tales from the crew, and discover your Water community.

Click here for the full schedule.

Sun. April 16 1:30 - 4:30
All Souls Unitarian Church
1500 Harvard St NW
Washington, DC 20005

Sun. March 26 7-9 pm
Welcome Webinar
Marshall Islanders & The Golden Rule Crew 65 years on!
Featuring Marshall Islander Benetick Maddison, historian Glenn Akcalay and the Golden Rule crew.
<https://vfp02web.zoom.us/j/81434501672>

Sun. April 2 12-4 pm
Potluck Picnic
Feast with Veterans For Peace & the crew of the Golden Rule
And celebrate the indigenous peoples who are the original stewards of this watershed.

Thurs. April 13 6-7 pm
SWNA
Southwest Neighborhood Assembly

"Golden Rule" Comes to the Library
Featuring VFP's Helen Jaccard and Gerry Condon about the dangers of nuclear war.
Southwest DC Public Library
900 Woodley Pk SW
Washington, DC 20021

Mon. April 10 5:30-7pm
THE OUTRAGE
Channeling Outrage abOut Polluted Waters
Creative Resistance with the Golden Rule's crew:
• nuclear consciousness
• environmental justice
• social justice
2011 Division Pk SW
Washington, DC 20009

Sun. April 2 6-9 pm
Fort Hunt Park
Campsite B-1
20099 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria VA
King Street Metro Station (Blue line) walk 1 mile for ride from station: 2011 5 12 10002
Please bring your own plates and cups.

Sun. April 2 6-9 pm
Meet & Greet the Crew
Bus Stop - 5 Pkcs
150 K St SW
near Gallery Pl Metro

Tues. April 4 1 pm
Mayor's Proclamation in Alexandria: Golden Rule Days!
Celebrate with Poet Laureate, Zeina Azzam
Alexandria Wharf
Pier 18
inside Target's Factory Arts Center

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Alexandria Marina April 3-6
DC Wharf April 8, 9, 11, 13, 14
11 am to 4 pm
Metro and parking information

Open Boat Days
Come aboard the Golden Rule & visit the crew

Wed. April 5 5:30pm
Friends Meeting of Washington
Featuring local anti-nuclear groups, crew, and Madison Rose from Back from the Brink
2011 Division Pk SW
Washington, DC 20009

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Potomac River, Piscataway Creek, Chesapeake Bay Military Poisons tour

Julie Tayak Yates talks about the poisoning of her ancestral lands by the US military



The Golden Rule sailed past the Calvert Cliffs NPP, 3 miles from an LNG export facility

Public Emergency INFORMATION

This area is located within the Emergency Planning Zone of Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. During a potential or actual emergency condition, local officials will sound a steady siren tone for approximately three minutes or use public address system announcements on loudspeakers. The sirens tell the public to turn on Emergency Alert System radio or TV stations.

Maryland officials may close affected parks, forests and recreational areas and direct you to evacuate using designated routes. (In the event of a nuclear power plant emergency, special routes to reception centers will be provided.)

Turn on an Emergency Alert System (EAS) station for official information and instructions.

Primary EAS Radio Stations

WPTX 1690 AM Mechanicsville	WYRX 97.7 FM Lexington Park
WSMD 98.3 FM Mechanicsville	WTOP 103.5 FM Frederick
WKIK 1560 AM La Plata	WKIK 102.9 FM California
WPRS 104.1 FM La Plata	WCEN 1240 AM, 106.3 FM Cambridge
WKHZ 1460 AM Easton	WCE1 98.7 FM Easton

1. Stay calm.
2. Gather your group together.
3. Go to your vehicle.
4. Tune in an EAS station.
5. Follow official public safety instructions.

Prepared in cooperation with the
Maryland Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division

Exelon Generation

Baltimore 4/29 to 5/3

Puppets and music made the day
at a very special event!

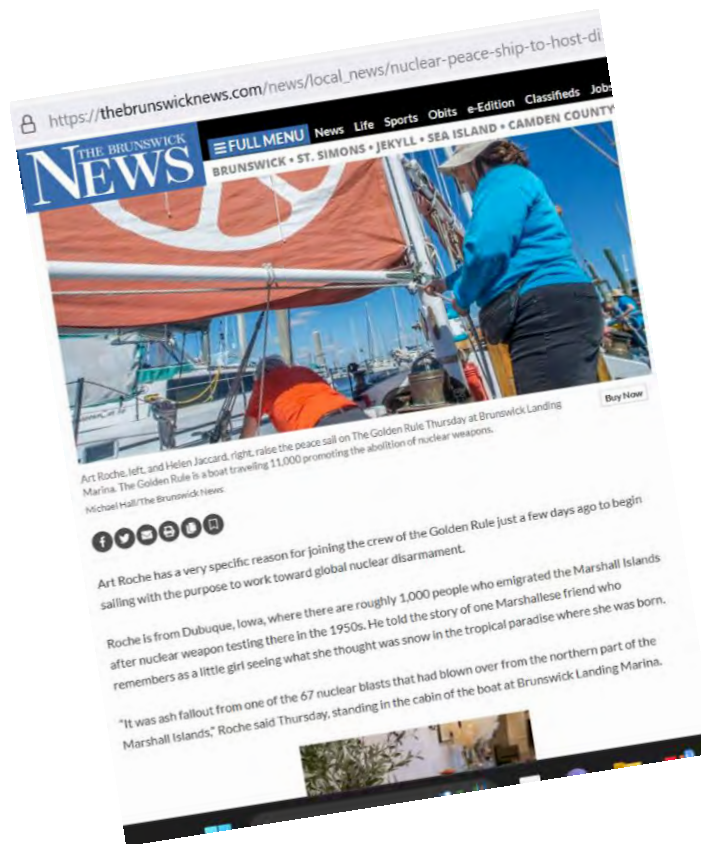


Philadelphia - Escort to the harbor by the North Wind



VFP Golden Rule Project Stop and Event Summary 2023 Q1 only

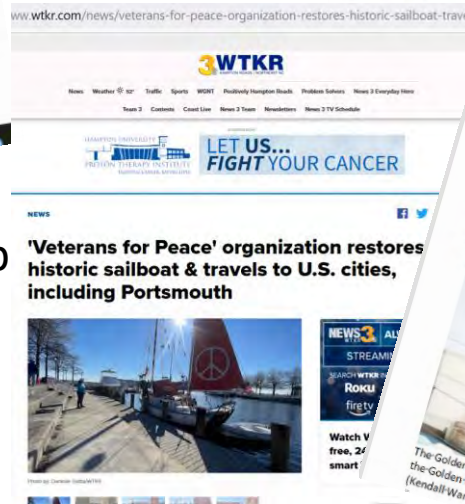
	Stops	Events	Attendees
Towns:	10	23	865
Cities:	3	31	625
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Total:	13	54	1,490



The Virginian-Pilot



The Golden Rule & Veterans for Peace The Golden Rule, a historic sailboat, is docked at the High Street Landing in Portsmouth on Monday, March 20, 2023. Since 2015, Veterans For Peace has sponsored the boat on voyages calling people to action to abolish nuclear weapons, war and to work for an environmentally sustainable future. (Kendall Warner/The Virginian-Pilot)



Media Coverage along the Great Loop as of 4/1/23:

Paper	21
TV	9
eNews	2
Radio	7

Recent coverage:
Baltimore Sun,
Philadelphia Inquirer!

WELCOMES! Mayors, City Councils, even States!



Mayor Shannon Glover welcomes the Golden Rule to
Portsmouth, Virginia

There have been 15 of these so far along the Great Loop!

Great Loop Voyage Co-Sponsored by:

CodePink Women for Peace

Back from the Brink

World BEYOND War

RootsAction

Earth Quaker Action Team

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom

NuclearBan.US

United for Peace & Justice