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Golden Rule Peace Boat to visit New Haven, June 2 - June 5



In 1958 four Quaker peace activists sailed the Golden Rule toward the Marshall Islands in an attempt to halt thermonuclear 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 and nuclear war 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 was rebuilt in Humboldt Bay, California, and is now "Sailing for a Nuclear-Weapons Free World and a Peaceful, Sustainable Future."

With tensions so high between nuclear armed nations and a new nuclear arms race, it is more important than ever to bring a message of nuclear disarmament and peace. Come see the

boat and learn what you can do to support the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty, and the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

Saturday, June 3, 1 pm. The New Haven Peace Commission will welcome the crew of the Golden Rule at the West River Peace Garden (at the intersection of Ella T Grasso Blvd and Legion Ave). Mayor Justin Elicker will present a Welcoming Proclamation. The history and context of New Haven's Peace Garden as a United Nations recognized site will be described. Please contact Aaron Goode for Peace Garden information, 203 507 8985.

Sunday, June 4th, 10 am. The crew of the Golden Rule will be welcomed at the Sound School music festival at 10 am at 60 South River Street New Haven.

Sunday June 4th, 2-4 pm. Concert for peace with Fred Brown, MC LONG WHARF PIER

City of New Haven Proclamation to the Golden Rule crew

Crew members will share their adventures on the great loop tour for peace, and the story of the original boat that sailed to stop atmospheric bomb tests in the 1950's.

Adrian Huq, New Haven Climate Movement. <u>Hank Bolden</u>, Nuclear Soldier, atomic test veteran and musician Al Marder, City of New Haven Peace Commission Connecticut Peace Singers - Millie Grenough & singers Message from the Greater New Haven Peace Council Inity Reggae Band - Fred Brown