

### Golden Rule Project implements Veterans For Peace Statement of Purpose

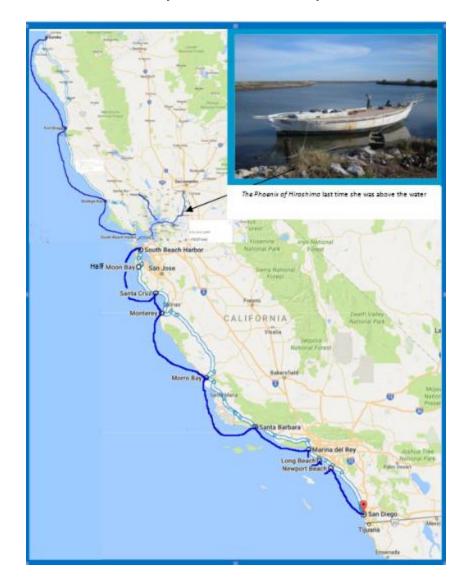
 To restrain our governments from intervening, overtly and covertly, in the internal affairs of other nations

 To end the arms race and to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons

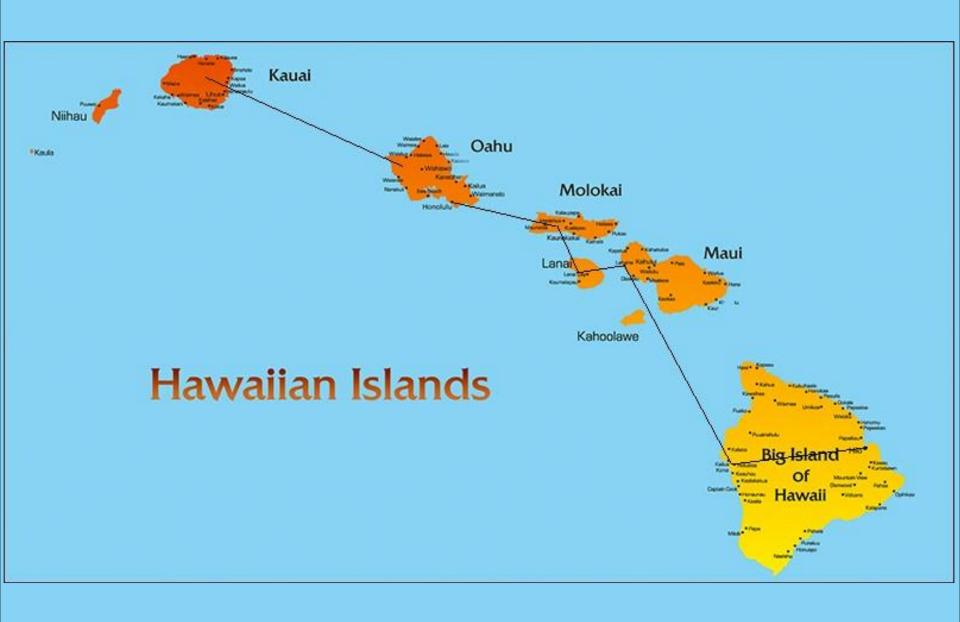
### 2016 Voyage

# Victoria WASHINGTON OREGON NE Sacramento

### 2015, 17-19,22



2019-21: 22 months in the Hawaiian Islands



## "The Great Loop" Minneapolis Aug'22 - Chicago Sept '23



- 10,300 miles
- 102 Cities or Towns visited
- 350 presentations reached 10,500 people directly
- 100,000s of people reached through press



#### **VFP Chapters**

22 Chapters donated a total of \$23,652 in 2022-23.

39 Chapters anchored GR GL Events







#### 2023 Started with the voyage to Cuba!





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





January - Miami, New Smyrna
The Raging Grannies sang and Citizens welcomed the Golden Rule

We interacted with many groups of faith:

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

Activists: Hands Off Cuba!, Raging Grannies, CodePink

#### February: Jacksonville, FL, coast of Georgia

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



# Black high school students visit the Golden Rule



## Peace picnics in the park!



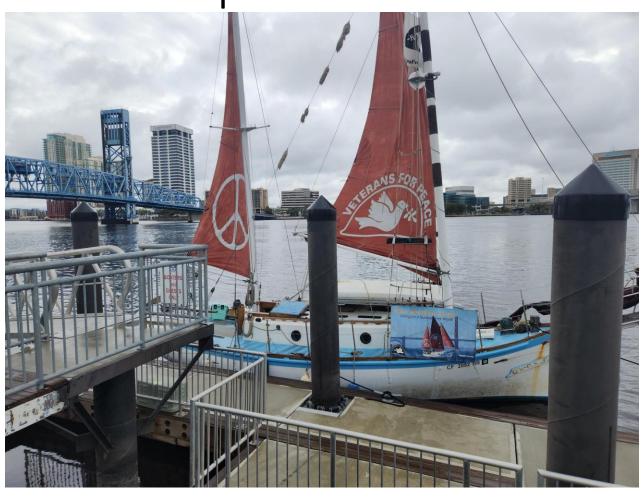
## Commemorating March 1, 1954 Castle Bravo destruction in the Marshall Islands



## Activist Joanne Sweeney entertained us with peace folk music



# We fly the sails whenever possible!

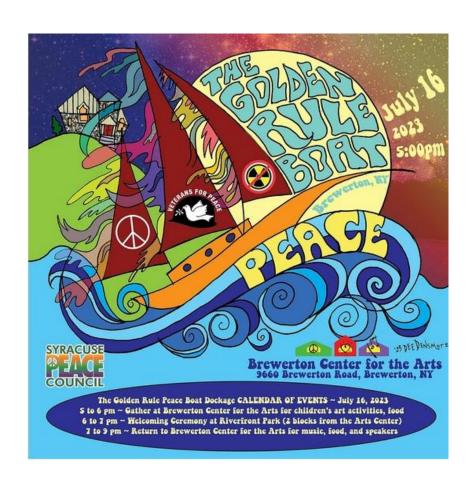


Over 40 Mayors and City Councils gave the Golden Rule a warm Proclamation of Welcome!



### Beautiful Unique flyers







Fleet Week Parade of War Ships, Hudson River, NYC



Norfolk, Virginia - home to all branches of the military The Golden Rule with a huge navy ship in the background



New Haven, Connecticut welcomed the Golden Rule - several groups sailed by Groton Electric Boat, manufacturer of nuclear-armed submarines.



The ship of peace sails in protest of Bath Iron Works, makers of nuclear-capable war ships

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 Crucible of Hope: The "Golden Rule" of Love as Inspiration for a New World Order

Tour of the Hiroshima Children's Drawings Exhibit Panel featuring Dr. Vincent Intondi, Professor and Author "African Americans Against The Bomb" and his new work "Saving the World from Nuclear War" and Joe Rothstein, Author of the Trillogy "The Latina President", "The Salvation Project", and "The Moment of Menace"

April 13



#### Welcome Webinar

Marshall Islanders & The Golden Rule Crew 65 years on! Featuring Marshall Islander Benetick Maddison, historian Glenn Alcalay and the Golden Rule crew

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81434501675



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 39foot wooden ketch, celebrate adventure-tales from the crew, and discover your Water community.



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



Channeling Outrage abOut Polluted Waters Creative Resistance with the Golden Rule's crew:

April 10

5:30-7pm

THE OUTRAGE

nuclear consciousness

"Golden Rule" Comes

to the Library

Featuring VFP's Helen Jaccard and

Gerry Condon about the dangers of

nuclear war.

outhwest DC Public Libary

900 Wesley PLSW

Washington, DC 20024

- · environmental justice
- social justice

1811 14th St NW Washington, DC 20009



Friends Meeting of Washington Featuring local anti-nuclear groups, crew, and Madison Rose from Back from the Brink

> 2111 Decatur PLNW Washington, DC 20008

Click here for the full schedule.



Potluck Picnic Feast with Veterans For Peace & the crew of the Golden Rule

And celebrate the Indigenous peoples who are the origina stewards of this watershed.

Camp site D-1 8999 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria VA King Street Metro Station (blue line): call Mike for ride from station: 301 542 9867

Please bring your own plates and cu



Meet & Greet the Crew

Bus Boys & Poets 450 K St & 5th St, NW near Gallery Pl Metro



Mayor's Proclamation in Alexandria: Golden Rule Days! Celebrate with

Poet Laureate, Zeina Azzam

Alexandria Wharf utside Torpedo Factory Arts Center

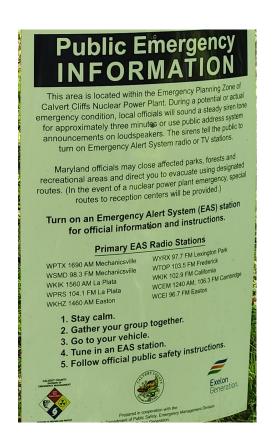
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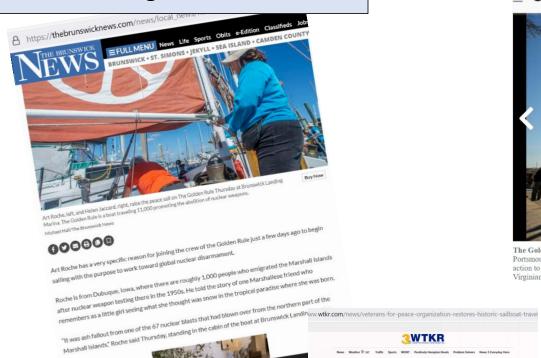
## Potomac River, Piscataway Creek, Chesapeake Bay - Military Poisons tour

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



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





Medium	Count
Paper	40
TV	22
eNews	21
Radio	7
Magazine	4
Blog	1
Podcast	1
Radio, YouTube	1
Total # Articles	97

#### = The Virginian-Pilot



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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)



Baltimore Sun, Philadelphia Inquirer!

'Veterans for Peace' organization restores historic sailboat & travels to U.S. cities,

including Portsmouth

#### **United Nations Missions!**



Veterans For Peace and the Golden Rule team met with twelve UN missions, including New Zealand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cuba, South Africa, Austria, Indonesia, Ireland, Costa Rica, Kiribati, and the Vatican



Veterans For Peace delegation visited with the Permanent UN Representative from the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Ambassador Amatlain Elizabeth Kabua gave a very warm welcome in her cozy UN office and spoke with the group for over two hours.

### Rhode Island: Providence, Bristol



(I-r) Golden Rule crew members Steve Baggerly, River Pember, Bristol Town Councilman Aaron Ley, crew member Bill Good and Councilman Tim Sweeney pose with a doctrine that states Bristol is in favor of a ban on nuclear weapons.



Golden Rule crew are greeted by members of the Pokanoket tribe.







#### Great Looop 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** 

#### And supported by many local chapters of:

Physicians for Social Responsibility

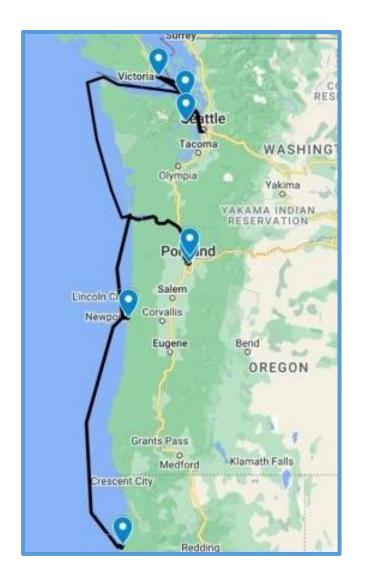
Raging Grannies

Quakers

**Unitarian Universalists** 

Catholic Workers

#### 2024 Sailing Plan (Preliminary) to Pacific Northwest



Mon 7/15 Eureka, CA **Departure Press Conference** 

Sat 7/27 – Sat 7/27 Bangor, WA **Protest Nuclear Submarines** 

Mon 7/29 – Mon 8/29 Puget Sound 8/6-11 Fleet Week in Seattle

Fri 8/30 – Wed 9/04 Victoria, BC Victoria Classic Boat Festival

Fri 9/06 – Sun 9/08 Port Townsend, WA Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival

Fri 9/13 – Wed 9/18 Vancouver, WA & Portland, OR **9/14 Vancouver Peace Fair** 

Mon 9/30 Eureka, CA
Welcome Home Party, Press Conference

## Program: 200 Presentations



### Program: Fleet Week Protests

Bringing a message of Peace in contrast to the Machines of War, Inspiring Activists! Fleet Week in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego



## Program: Protest at Nuclear-Armed Submarine Base

First water-based protest since 1982 was with Golden Rule in 2016



## Program: Day Sails



## Program: Boat tours



## Program: Guest Crew



#### **Solidarity with Marshall Islanders**



## The Golden Rule A Weapon of Mass Education

- Past nuclear weapons tests, use, lasting effects on people and environment
- Nuclear weapons are already used in war through threat of use
- Effects of a nuclear war
- Current dangers
- Actions
  - UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and other treaties
  - Bills before Congress
  - VFP No Nukes Working Group and Nuclear Posture Review
- Organizations (mentioned as Great Loop sponsors above)

#### Nobel Peace Prize Awarded to Anti-nuclear Activists

The 2017 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the International Campaign to Abolitish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) for its work to support the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

Veterans For Peace and the Golden Rule Project are members of ICAN



#### UN Votes to Ban the Bomb!

On July 7, 2017 the United Nations overwhelmingly passed the historic **UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.** Approved by 122 countries - the UN Treaty makes it illegal to possess, use, deploy, transfer or threaten to use nuclear weapons.





## Organizing Locally To Prevent Nuclear War

A PRESENTATION FOR COMMUNITIES



WE CALL ON THE **UNITED STATES** TO LEAD A **GLOBAL EFFORT** TO PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR.

- PURSUE GLOBAL ELIMINATION
- 2 END SOLE PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY
- 3 END HAIR-TRIGGER ALERT
- 4 CANCEL ENHANCED WEAPONS
- RENOUNCE FIRST USE

#### TAKE ACTION

- 1. Engage on social media
- 2. Urge your elected officials to endorse the campaign
- 3. Spread the word via local media (letters, Op Eds, radio)
- 4. Work with other groups and leaders in your community
- **5.** Pass a resolution in your local government

#### Take Action!

VFP Nuclear Posture Review: www.tinyurl.com/VFP-NPR

- share it widely, and use it as a tool in your own anti-nuclear activities.
- The Nuclear Ban Treaty Collective has resources to help with your actions, including banners. nuclearban.us
- 2. If you are participating in MLK events, highlight his opposition to nuclear weapons!
- 3. Ask your Congressional Representatives to support federal legislation to:
- Embrace the Goals and Provisions of the TPNW, H. Res. 77
- Maintain Congress' constitutional authority to declare war or a nuclear strike, H.R. 669
- Redirect military spending to meet human needs, H.R. 1134
- Redirect nuclear weapons spending to clean energy and human needs, H.R. 2775
- 5. As your member of Congress to join the Parliamentary Pledge of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) <a href="https://pledge.icanw.org/">https://pledge.icanw.org/</a>.
- 6. Enroll your City or State in the ICAN Cities Campaign. <a href="https://cities.icanw.org/">https://cities.icanw.org/</a> and Mayors For Peace.