



Golden Rule News



Winter 2024

The *Golden Rule* Sails Again for a Nuclear-Free World and a Peaceful, Sustainable Future!!



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.

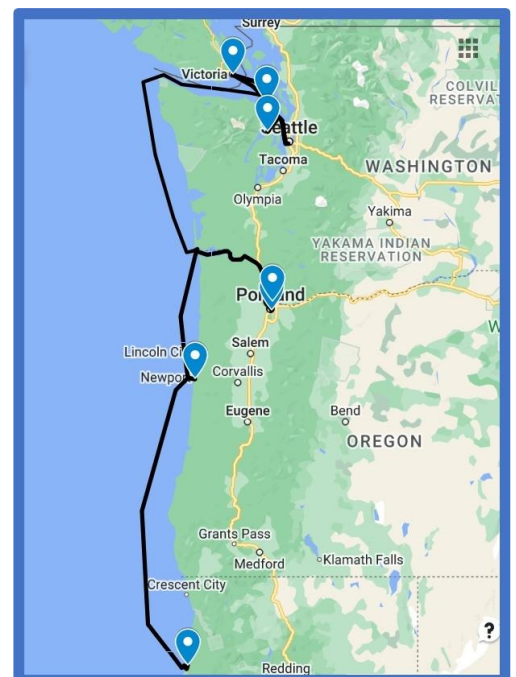
Nuclear Abolition Mission Restored!

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

In 2022-23 the Great Loop voyage around the entire eastern half of the US educated tens of thousands of people about what they can do to stop the possibility of nuclear annihilation.

Golden Rule Peace Boat to sail the Pacific Northwest in 2024!

| Preliminary schedule | | |
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| Mon 7/15 | Eureka, CA | Departure, Press Conference |
| Sat 7/27 | Hood Canal / Bangor, WA | Protest Nuclear Submarines |
| Mon 7/29 – Mon 8/12 | Seattle | Fleet Week Hiroshima Day |
| Mon 8/12 – Thu 8/29 | Puget Sound | |
| Fri 8/30 – Wed 9/04 | Victoria, BC | Victoria Classic Boat Festival |
| Fri 9/06 – Sun 9/08 | Port Townsend | Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival |
| Sat 9/14 | Vancouver, WA | Vancouver Peace Fair |
| Fri 9/13 – Wed 9/18 | Vancouver, WA and Portland, OR | |
| Mon 9/30 | Eureka, CA | Arrival, Press Conference |



Voyage 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? Contact Project Manager Helen Jaccard at vfpgoldenruleproject@gmail.com or 206-992-6364 for information on organizing an educational event for your group. Organizers are meeting to discuss plans - please see the [website](#) for call-in details.

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.

Volunteer in other ways!

Videographers, hosts, musicians, authors, speakers, social media posters, and more are needed!

Let us know! <http://www.vfpgoldenrule.org/volunteer>

Assure a Successful Voyage - Donate Now!

With your help, the *Golden Rule* continues to bring awareness of nuclear issues to thousands of people.

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.

Humboldt Area Foundation, Wild Rivers Community Foundation Support the Golden Rule Project!

Humboldt Bay is where the *Golden Rule* was rebuilt and is its home port! We are delighted that The Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation are supporting Veterans For Peace's Golden Rule Project with a \$1,500 grant each year for the next three years!

THANK YOU!

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-NPR2

Golden Rule Schedule Possibilities

Up-to-date Route Map: <https://bit.ly/GR-PNW-MAP>

The *Golden Rule* may also visit:

Newport / Lincoln City, Oregon
Neah Bay, Whidbey Island, Orcas Island
Port Angeles
Tacoma, Puyallup, Lakewood, Nisqually
Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater
Coos Bay / Bandon, Oregon

Golden Rule speakers will also visit the Willamette Valley and other off-water towns by car.

Exact dates subject to change - check:

<https://vfpgoldenruleproject.org/> for updates

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 (H Res 77). Ask your Representative and Senators to co-sponsor the "Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act" (HR 2775)
- The Back from the Brink Campaign (preventnuclearwar.org) has advocacy tools to:
 - Engage on social media
 - Urge your local and state elected officials to endorse the campaign
 - Spread the word via local media
 - Work with other groups and leaders in your community
 - Pass a resolution in your local government

The *Golden Rule* is in Eureka for the Winter, Spring

The *Golden Rule* will be at the Eureka Public Marina on dock D until we depart for the Pacific Northwest. If you would like a tour, contact Helen Jaccard at vfpgoldenruleproject@gmail.com or 206-992-6364

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Email vfpgoldenruleproject@gmail.com to get connected with your local organizer!