



# Golden Rule News



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## Mission Statement

The original nuclear protest boat, the Golden Rule will sail again to promote a nuclear free future, to educate about the dangers of radiation to humanity and the environment, and to support peaceful alternatives to war.

## Golden Rule Sails for a Nuclear Free, Peaceful World

April 2016



Preparing for the next long voyage

The *Golden Rule* is the first peace boat. In 1958 four Quaker activists sailed her toward the Marshall Islands in an attempt to halt atmospheric nuclear weapons testing. The US Coast Guard boarded her in Honolulu and arrested her crew, causing a nationwide public outcry.

The *Phoenix of Hiroshima* completed the journey and entered the atomic bomb test zone.

In 1963, as a result of increased public outcry, President Kennedy signed the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty with the U.S.S.R and the U.K.

*Golden Rule* now sails for a peaceful, nuclear-free world and a sustainable environment.

The historic sailing vessel *Golden Rule* is on B dock at the Eureka Public Marina, for restoration and repair through the winter. Contact us to come sailing!

Humboldt Bay is her home port, where five years ago she was discovered underwater with two huge holes in her side. She was lovingly restored by Veterans For Peace with dozens of volunteers and hundreds of donors.

Chuck DeWitt continues to coordinate construction and help with all aspects of maintenance, repair and restoration. Ed Fracker has stabilized the mizzen mast and made beautiful sail cradles. Michael Gonzalez has rebuilt the galley and settee storage areas.

In early April the *Golden Rule* will come out of the water for cleaning, a fresh coat of paint and minor repairs. Thanks to Leroy Zerlang for the use of his boat yard!

Eric Bergel, Young Yoon, Helen Jaccard, David SanGiovanni, Michael Gonzalez, Skip Oliver and Ed Fracker have been crewing this winter and spring on

Humboldt Bay, making sure the vessel is ship-shape.

Tiffany McKenzie continues her secretarial and event planning duties. Leroy Zerlang is shore captain and a dozen other volunteers are working hard to get the boat and crews ready for the long voyage.

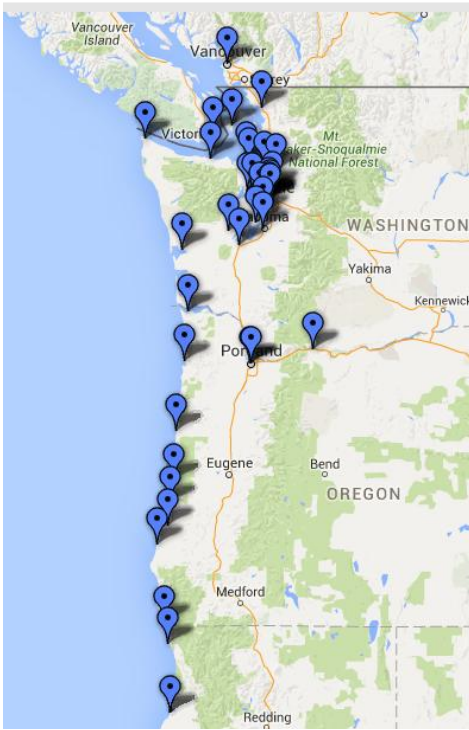
Thank you to all of the wonderful Humboldt Bay volunteers that make the new voyages of the Golden Rule possible!

## Join

### Friends of the Golden Rule

There are many benefits to becoming a sustaining member of Friends of the *Golden Rule*. First and foremost – if you join you can get beautiful copies of our newsletters sent straight to your home or business! And for larger donations, you can be recognized in our literature and receive cool perks!

- \$25 Entitles you to receive newsletters and a lapel pin by mail
- \$100 Newsletters, a lapel pin and a 8 x 10 photo of the Golden Rule
- \$250 Newsletters and a 20 x 20 photo of the Golden Rule under the Golden Gate Bridge on foam core
- \$500 or more  
The above and acknowledgement of your support in the brochure carried during the 2016 voyage



## Pacific Northwest Plans

*Golden Rule* will participate in four Classic or Wooden Boat Festivals this year:

- Lake Union, Seattle July 2 – 4
- Vancouver BC, Aug 25 – 28
- Victoria BC, Sept 2 – 4
- Pt. Townsend, Sept 9 - 11

We will head up “Peace Fleets” in Portland June 8 and Seattle August 3 when the Navy shows off their war ships.

The crew and supporters will commemorate Hiroshima Day at Greenlake in Seattle on August 6, joining VFP and Ground Zero Center for NonViolent Action at a table and sailing paper lanterns on the lake.

Nagasaki Day, August 9, will sail past the Bangor Nuclear Submarine Base with a flotilla of kayaktivists and other boats.

On the way back to Humboldt Bay we will engage with activists working to stop new fossil fuel infrastructure and make sure the message is heard that nuclear power is not clean, safe or affordable.

**In all, the *Golden Rule* will be making over 30 stops this year and educating tens of thousands of people.**

Water protests are possible near:

- Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, where ear-splitting “Growler” planes are flown low over civilian areas at all hours.
- Everett Naval station, home to Navy Seals, who are practicing invasions at the parks and beaches of the Northwest, including live .50 caliber testing, increased sonar training (which kills whales and other marine life), unmanned watercraft and electromagnetic radiation.
- Indian Island Munitions Storage Area near Port Townsend, where huge ships come to supply weapons for war.

### Volunteer to crew!

The *Golden Rule* sails to the Pacific Northwest this year, leaving Humboldt Bay at the end of May and returning in mid-October. We need crew and captains (no license necessary). Sail with us and be an ambassador for peace, nuclear disarmament, and an end to fossil and nuclear fuels. She's 34 ft long with a wide 11 ft breadth and a 5 ft draft, making her very stable and easy to sail. Sailing the *Golden Rule* is a lot of fun!

You can come aboard for just a few days if you have limited time. We encourage veterans, women, youth, indigenous people, people of color and various nationalities, and people with manageable disabilities to apply, even if you have only limited sailing experience.

The crew selection committee starts meeting in early April, so if you want to be part of the first round of consideration for crew, send your application as soon as possible.

The crew application form can be downloaded at

[vfgoldenruleproject.org/crew-application/](http://vfgoldenruleproject.org/crew-application/)

(under Donate/Help/Crew menu).

Return the completed application to

[vfgoldenruleproject@gmail.com](mailto:vfgoldenruleproject@gmail.com)

or phone Helen Jaccard at 206-992-6364

### Volunteers Needed

We need help to maintain our web site and social media, plan events, write articles, speak to the public, and ready the boat for sailing.

Please contact Helen Jaccard at 206-992-6364 or Chuck DeWitt at 707-445-4790 or send an email to [vfgoldenruleproject@gmail.com](mailto:vfgoldenruleproject@gmail.com)

## *It's A Party!*

*Wish the Golden Rule and her crew  
Bon Voyage for the summer*

**May 21, 2016 1 pm to 5 pm**

**Woodley Island Marina**

**601 Startare Dr, Eureka, CA 95501**

*near the Statue of the Fisherman and the B Dock*

**Tour the boat, meet the crew, see pictures and a slide show**

**Cash Bar for Beer and Wine, Champagne in souvenir flutes!**

**Cake and snacks**