



# Golden Rule Revue



Summer 2019

## Golden Rule arrived in Hawaii July 31!



Captain Milosz Kaczorowski (front) with crew Chris Mayer, Tom Rogers and Tate Furr made the crossing from San Diego to Hilo, Hawaii in only 20 days.

The trip went exceedingly well! Four sail boats from the TransPac race passed Golden Rule early in the transit.



Captain Milosz read "The Voyage of the Golden Rule, An Experiment with Truth" by the first *Golden Rule* captain, Albert Bigelow after leaving San Diego. Milosz carefully studied the section on twin head sails and decided to try the concept at sea. As a result, they sailed for over 1200 miles with a similar sail configuration.



Tate Furr caught five fish along the way.

### **Peace in the Pacific voyage**

With tensions running high between the U.S. and North Korea and China, it's important for Golden Rule to be in the Pacific to *Challenge Nuclear Madness and Militarism!*

The goals of the voyage to Hawaii, the Marshall Islands, Guam, Okinawa, Korea and Japan are to:

- Support the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons;
- Support steps to avert the possibility of nuclear war; and
- Raise awareness of the dangers of all nuclear activities and militarism to the environment and humanity.

### **Challenging Nuclear Madness and Militarism begins in Hawai'i!**

Hawaii is a prime target for nuclear missiles coming from Asia. The people became very aware of this possibility with the false alarm of a nuclear attack last year. The islands are home to many military facilities, some of them huge.

The US military is planning Special Operations missions all over the Hawaiian islands! According to West Hawaii Today, training would occur in the near-shore waters, harbors, bays and land-based areas on Oahu, Hawaii Island, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, and Lanai.

Near Mauna Kea County park, for example, they plan to conduct "special reconnaissance role-playing scenarios". This amounts to practicing military invasions all over the Hawaiian Islands, coming onto the beaches with troops and military equipment.

U.S. Army tested a uranium-based Davy Crockett nuclear weapons at Pohakuloa Training Area on Hawaii Island and at Schofield Barracks on Oahu, leaving

behind depleted uranium in the environment.

The use of DU weapons in military practice exposes both military personnel and the public to health risks.

### **Hawaiian Island schedule:**

July 31 - Aug 29	Hilo (Big Island)
Sept 3 - 7	Kona (Big Island)
Sept 11 - 29	Maui
Oct 1 - 8	Lanai
Oct 10 - 17	Molokai
Oct 20 - Dec 1	Oahu
Dec 1 - 12	Kaua'i

We'll speak at church, civic, school, Japanese, Marshallese, Hawaiian and other groups. If you are a member of a group that might like to screen "Making Waves: Rebirth of the Golden Rule" or have a presentation or other event, please contact Helen Jaccard at vfpgoldenruleproject@gmail.com.

### **Golden Rule History**

In 1958 four Quaker activists sailed the *Golden Rule* 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.

Another sail boat, the *Phoenix of Hiroshima*, completed the journey and entered the atomic bomb test zone.

As a result of public awareness of the radiation dangers and demand to stop these tests, President Kennedy signed the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty with the U.S.S.R and the U.K. in 1963.

After the *Golden Rule* sank in a gale in Humboldt Bay in Northern California, Leroy Zerlang lent his boat yard to Veterans For Peace and dozens of volunteers for her restoration. She was rebuilt from 2010 to 2015.

*The Golden Rule now sails for a nuclear-free world and a peaceful, sustainable future*

## No longer just a Coastal Cruiser!

For over a year volunteers and crew members worked to convert *Golden Rule* from a coastal cruiser to a vessel capable of crossing the Pacific ocean.

**Sails:** After four years of use, *Golden Rule*'s beautiful sails were not only faded but falling apart. It cost almost \$8,000 but the new sails are beautiful!



Kettenhoffen Marine, who made the sails, gave us a big discount on the sail cradles and donated the graphics - thank you Bob Kettenhoffen!

## Bon Voyage and Welcome Home to Hawai'i



Puna Kalama Dawson visited San Diego and welcomed us to "come Home" to Hawaii. Puna is a Hawaiian elder, keeper of knowledge and hula instructor.

She came from Kauai bringing a message of Welcome and Aloha to the *Golden Rule* and Project!

## A Valiant Attempt



C Be, Tom Rogers, Captain Dan Lappala and Jamie Skinner left San Diego May 1, headed for Hawai'i.

On May 3, the they had to turn around when Captain Dan discovered that the exhaust system had allowed water to enter the engine - there was so much water in the oil that the engine was hard to start.



PacWest Marine removed and evaluated the engine and determined that there was too much damage to save it. There was sea water everywhere corroding the engine and a piston rod was bent.

By the time we paid for the engine kit, labor and repair dock, the cost was nearly \$18,000! Of course, that included a new exhaust system that now prevents water from entering the engine.

Supporters contributed up to \$1000 each, including Helen Jaccard, Gerry Condon, Chuck DeWitt, Nelson Camp, Leroy Zerlang, Ann Wright, VFP Chapter 56 (Humboldt Bay), Peter Aronson, Jim & Barb Truitt, Dave Robson, Jan Passion, Steve Morehouse and Maggie & Charlie Herbelin. The insurance company paid \$5,000.

## New crew, new preparations

In mid-June the crew that would take *Golden Rule* to Hawaii arrived. After Captain Milosz Kaczorowski did a full inspection, the crew spent weeks repairing and upgrading *Golden Rule*. The lifelines were starting to corrode at the ends enough to be unsafe, so they were all replaced.



Captain Milosz went up the mast numerous times before leaving San Diego and once while underway.

## Mauna Kea Telescope Protest



Native Hawaiians and allies are uprising against the thirty meter telescope planned for the top of Mauna Kea on the Big Island of Hawaii, saying it is "One too big, one too many"

Scientists, corporations and government agencies are using the mountain for telescopes are not consulting Native Hawaiians about their sacred mountain and are breaking environmental laws and agreements.

This protest is about more than indigenous rights just as the Standing Rock protest. Telescopes can do more than look for stars and planets - they can also be used for military purposes. Similar to Standing Rock, thousands are blocking the road in nonviolent protest.

Gerry Condon and Ann Wright presented a VFP flag and message of solidarity to the elders.

## Golden Rule and Phoenix together again



On June 30 Jessica Reynolds Renshaw visited the *Golden Rule*.

Jessica and her family sailed the *Phoenix of Hiroshima* into Honolulu onto the same dock as *Golden Rule* in 1958. The Reynolds family took the baton and finished the voyage to the Marshall Islands while the crew of the *Golden Rule* were detained and unable to proceed. They represented both boats in 1958 in the attempt to stop nuclear bomb tests.

Both boats sank in 2010, and although Veterans For Peace and Quakers and other old wooden boat lovers managed to restore *Golden Rule*, *Phoenix of Hiroshima* remains at the bottom of the Mokolumne River (Sacramento River Delta). The Reynolds family and the Phoenix's Board of Directors spent years trying to get the boat raised so she could be restored, but she is too far gone. With sadness, they had to give up on the dream of the two boats sailing together to the Marshall Islands and Japan next year.

The Phoenix Board of Directors donated \$11,000 to help the *Golden Rule* and Jessica brought a nicely mounted piece of the *Phoenix* for the *Golden Rule* to carry. This time, *Golden Rule* will represent both boats in an effort to bring about global nuclear disarmament and end the possibility of nuclear war.

Thank you for your generosity!

## Volunteer

We got to Hawai'i badly in need of varnish, so if you are here and can help, we could sure use it. The crew has gone home, and as usual we will have a rotating crew in and around Hawaii. You can apply at [www.vfgoldenrule.org/crew-application](http://www.vfgoldenrule.org/crew-application). With luck, Milosz will resume the helm when we arrive in Honolulu.

We also need authors, speakers, event organizers, artists, musicians, hospitality, docks, photographers and videographers, especially in Hawaii.

Please let us know how you can help by filling out our new form at [www.vfgoldenrule.org/volunteer](http://www.vfgoldenrule.org/volunteer).

If you know people in Hawaii, please let them know about the project and ask them to contact us. Thank you!

## Celebrate this Historic Voyage with a Timely Donation

Expenses are greater now because 2019 - 21 will be a continuous voyage instead of a three to four month sailing season like we have done on the West coast.

We've purchased new sails, a gimbaled propane cooktop, a new engine, and a lot of communication and safety equipment including personal AIS units for each life jacket in case the boat needs to find a crew overboard.

Please donate generously to keep the wind in our sails at [vfgoldenrule.org](http://vfgoldenrule.org) or support our GoFundMe campaign at [gofundme.com/golden-rule-peace-in-the-pacific-voyage](https://gofundme.com/golden-rule-peace-in-the-pacific-voyage).

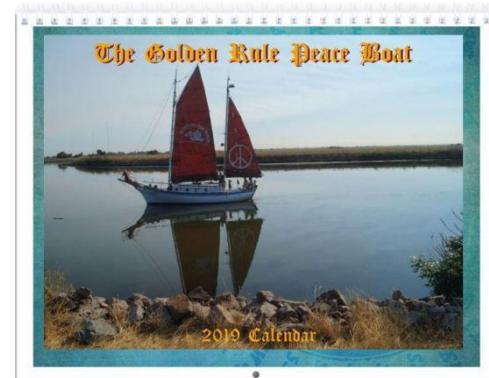
## Golden Rule Store

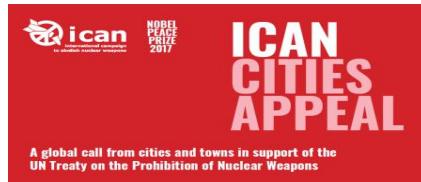
The National Office of VFP is taking over management of the Golden Rule store. Thank you!

Many thanks to Vic White of San Diego VFP for helping for the past year!

You can place an order at [vfgoldenrule.org/store](http://vfgoldenrule.org/store).

We have Golden Rule t-shirts, hoodies, blankets, shopping bags, books and calendars. Please contact us at [vfgoldenruleproject@gmail.com](mailto:vfgoldenruleproject@gmail.com) if you would like to order multiple items at a discount.





VFP Chapters: Please encourage your town or county to pass resolutions that reduce the possibility of nuclear war

Nuclear weapons pose an unacceptable threat to people everywhere. This is why, on 7 July 2017, 122 nations voted to adopt the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. All national governments are now invited to sign and ratify this crucial global agreement, which prohibits the use, production and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and lays the foundations for their total elimination.

**Example of a great resolution, passed by New Jersey state legislature:**

**Title: Urges federal government to ratify Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and pursue other measures to reduce danger of nuclear war.**

**Text:** An Assembly Resolution urging the federal government to pursue a broad range of measures to reduce the danger of nuclear war and to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

**WHEREAS,** Nuclear weapons are the most destructive weapons ever created by mankind, with immense destructive capacity and lingering radiation effects after detonation; and

**WHEREAS,** More than 90 percent of these weapons are in the hands of the United States and Russia, and the rest are held by seven other countries: China, France, Israel, India, Pakistan, North Korea, and the United Kingdom; and

**WHEREAS,** Since the height of the Cold War, the United States has reduced its active weapons by more than 25,000 nuclear warheads, but about 4,000 still exist, almost 2,000 of which are on alert for use at short notice; and

**WHEREAS,** A large-scale nuclear war would cause hundreds of millions of casualties and cause unimaginable environmental damage, and create catastrophic climate disruption by dropping temperatures across the planet to levels that would cause crop failures and mass starvation; and

**WHEREAS,** Under current federal law, the President has the authority to unilaterally initiate the use of a nuclear weapon; and

**WHEREAS,** The power of the United States' stockpile of nuclear weapons is too devastating and the result of their use too irrevocable to be left to the sole authority of the President; and

**WHEREAS,** Renouncing the option of launching a first strike with nuclear weapons would reduce tension and make a nuclear exchange between the United States and another country less likely; and

**WHEREAS,** These weapons are placed on hair-trigger alert, meaning that the likelihood of an accidental launch or a launch as a result of an international misunderstanding is highly possible; and

**WHEREAS,** The planned expenditure of about \$500 billion over the next decade to maintain and enhance our nuclear arsenal, including the development and deployment of new nuclear weapons and broadening the conditions for use, will not only increase the risk of nuclear disaster, but fuel a global arms race and divert crucial resources needed to assure the well-being of the American people and people all over the world; and

**WHEREAS,** The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted by the United Nations in July of 2017 and, to date, has been signed by 70 countries, and prohibits the development, testing, production, stockpiling, transfer, use, and threat of use of nuclear weapons, and sets out procedures for nuclear-armed signatories to destroy their existing nuclear stockpile; and

**WHEREAS,** The United States, as well as the other nuclear weapon countries, are not yet signatories to this treaty; and

**WHEREAS,** These actions would be a major step toward eliminating the existence of nuclear weapons, which pose an intolerable risk to human survival, especially if the United States pursues an agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their arsenals; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:**

1. This House urges the federal government to spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons in a first strike, ending the President's sole authority to launch a nuclear attack, taking the nuclear weapons of the United States off hair-trigger alert, canceling the plan to replace its entire nuclear arsenal with enhanced nuclear weapons, and actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.
2. This House urges the President and the Senate of the United States to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
3. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Congress elected thereto from New Jersey.