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Golden Rule Peace Boat coming to Hartford and Middletown



Golden Rule, a Project of Veterans for Peace, will be in Central Connecticut Historic Sailboat Project Supports UN Treaty to Ban Nuclear Weapons

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* was rebuilt in Humboldt Bay, Northern California and is now, "Sailing for a Nuclear Free World and a Peaceful, Sustainable Future."

From 2015 – 2022, the *Golden Rule* sailed the West Coast between British Columbia and San Diego and to Hawai'i and back.

The *Golden Rule Project* has given hundreds of educational presentations about nuclear issues and led many peace flotillas. Thousands of people visited the *Golden Rule* during four wooden boat shows. With tensions so high between nuclear armed nations, it is more important than ever to bring a message of peace.

"The possibility of nuclear war today is all too real," says Gerry Condon of Veterans For Peace. "It is time to abolish nuclear weapons once and for all. The U.S. can show leadership by being the first nuclear power to sign the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons."

Come see the boat and learn about what you can do to support the UN Treaty on the *Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons* and other measures to reduce the chance of nuclear annihilation.

Press interviews encouraged!

Central Connecticut Schedule

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

- Tuesday, 3:00 pm: Press Conference in front of Hartford City Hall.
- Tuesday, 6:00 pm: Potluck Dinner, Unitarian Society of Hartford, 50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105. Enjoy musician Hugh Blumenfeld followed by film "Making Waves," and presentation by *Golden Rule* crew.

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

- Wednesday, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Silent Vigil for a nuclear weapons free world, peace and non-violence, Old State House plaza, Hartford.
- Best viewing of *Golden Rule*; preparing for departure with sails unfurled, 1:00-3:00 pm. Visible from area around Charter Oak Landing, Hartford.
- Arrives Harbor Park, Middletown approximately 5 pm
 - 5:00 – 8:00 pm: Open boat viewing
 - 5:30 pm: Middletown Mayor Ben Florsheim, Welcome and Proclamation
 - 7:00 pm: Crew presentation, boatside

Thursday, June 8, 2023

- Thursday, 7:00 to 8:00 am: Harbor Park, Middletown; Breakfast with the crew.