



Hawaii Voyage Rescheduled

Much to our disappointment, the Golden Rule's early May voyage from California to Hawaii was cut short due to engine problems. The mechanic's inspection revealed that we need a new engine. We still hope to sail to Hawaii in July!

Golden Rule and Crew Returns to San Diego.

After only two days at sea, the captain was having a hard time starting the engine and found that there was water in the engine oil. He decided to return to San Diego.

The crew implemented power saving measures, including setting up the solar panel. They did an excellent job of communicating with shore support.

We are grateful that we have the FleetOne satellite phone and email service! Weather file downloads also worked as planned and helped the crew avoid a high pressure area where there was almost no wind.

Eventually, the engine started, which made the return trip a quick motor-sail.

We are all thankful that the return trip was uneventful and that the Golden Rule and her crew are safe!

Golden Rule Needs a New Engine!

The *Golden Rule's* engine is a Yanmar 3YM30. PacWest Marine, the Yanmar facility in San Diego, evaluated the engine and exhaust system. Veterans For Peace member Daniel Venzon and Golden Rule Project Manager Helen Jaccard motored *Golden Rule* to Driscoll boat yard on Thursday May 23. We received excellent help to move to the crane dock and have the engine removed for inspection.

On Friday the mechanic took apart the engine and gave us the bad news - due to a design flaw in the exhaust system, there is damage to the cylinders, one of the piston rods is bent and there is sea water damage everywhere.

The new engine, exhaust system, repair dock fee and crane time (including labor) will **cost \$16,570** and should be complete by June 7.

So, **how can we finance a new engine?** Six people (so far) have pledged \$1000 each, which is a good start. A few others have pledged lesser amounts.



We filed an insurance claim, which if approved could pay up to 60% of the cost of the new engine.

We need your help now!

Please donate on our [website](#) or send a check to:

VFP Golden Rule Project
PO Box 87
Samoa, CA 95564

Please give a generous donation as soon as possible.

Crew Needed

If you know of a good sailor who could begin training by June 15 and commit to at least 6 weeks, please have them fill out a [crew application form](#) or contact Helen Jaccard at vfpgoldenruleproject@gmail.com or 206-992-6364 as soon as possible!

Possible Sailing Schedule

If all goes well, the *Golden Rule* will depart at the beginning of July - the last weather window before hurricane season - and arrive in Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii by late July. As planned previously, we'll spend 2-3 weeks in Hilo, two weeks in Kona, then a month on Maui, a week each on Lanai and Molokai and then be on Oahu until early December. We hope to leave Kauai in mid-December, headed for the Marshall Islands.

Nuclear News

California and New Jersey Embrace Nuclear Disarmament

On August 28, 2018 California became the first state in the U.S. to declare its support for the United Nations [Treaty](#) on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) by passing [Assembly Joint Resolution 33](#). On May 23, 2019 New Jersey followed by passing [Resolution A230](#) in support of US accession to the TPNW and [Back from the Brink](#) measures to reduce nuclear dangers. The TPNW treaty, negotiated in 2017 among the majority of the world's nations and many NGOs, was adopted at the United Nations by a vote of 122-1 on July 7, 2017.

[The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons \(TPNW\)](#) includes a comprehensive set of prohibitions on participating in any nuclear weapon activities. These include undertakings not to develop, test, produce, acquire, possess, stockpile, use or threaten to use nuclear weapons. The Treaty also prohibits the deployment of nuclear weapons on national territory and the provision of assistance to any State in the conduct of prohibited activities.

States parties will be obliged to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited under the TPNW undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control. The Treaty also obliges States parties to provide adequate assistance to individuals affected by the use or testing of nuclear weapons, as well as to take necessary and appropriate measure of environmental remediation in areas under its jurisdiction or control contaminated as a result of activities related to the testing or use of nuclear weapons.

The Treaty currently has been ratified by twenty three countries and fifty are needed for it to come into force.

The efforts of the [International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons \(ICAN\)](#) to achieve this treaty were recognized with the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize. Click [here](#) to read an excellent article by Rick Wayman of Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

Veterans For Peace Golden Rule Project is a member of ICAN and supports the TPNW with the ICAN Cities Appeal. Click here to download the [ICAN Cities Appeal](#) and get started promoting a resolution in your city or state!

President Trump shreds nuclear weapons agreements

Ploughshares Fund has some excellent articles about the nuclear agreements that are under attack and the [new nuclear arms race](#).

New nuclear power can't save the planet from climate change

There are two existential threats to humanity - nuclear war and climate change - and the severity of these threats grows daily. News from climate scientists and biologists grows more alarming with each new report. Unfortunately, nuclear power is being increasingly promoted as part of the solution to climate change. The temptation to build new nuclear power is present world wide. But nuclear power will not save the planet from climate change.

Beyond Nuclear says, "Nuclear power cannot address climate change **effectively or in time**. Reactors have long, unpredictable construction times are expensive - at least \$12 billion or higher per reactor. Furthermore, reactors are sitting-duck targets vulnerable to attack and routinely release - as well as leak - radioactivity. There is no solution to the problem of radioactive waste." Here is an excellent [fact sheet](#) explaining why.

Improved Nuclear Fuel Rod Storage

As Southern California Edison proceeds to put the San Onofre fuel rods into thin canisters that cannot be inspected, retrieved, maintained, monitored, or later transported, [San Onofre Safety](#) reports that there are better ways to store them. Here is a [fact sheet](#) comparing the thin and thick walled canisters.
