



The Peaceful Atom is a Bomb - Spread the Word!



Addressing the Dire Risks of Nuclear Weapons, Nuclear Power & Radioactive Waste

Thursday Evening, Sept 7, 2023: On the eve of culminating its 18-month long “Great Loop” journey, the VETERANS FOR PEACE Golden Rule peace sailboat docks at West Basin Marina (273 Marina Dr.) in St. Joseph, MI **till Wed., Sept. 13 TOURS, ORAL HISTORY/UPDATES BY THE CREW** now scheduled for **Tuesday, Sept. 12th 10am-1pm EST**. More may be scheduled.* The marina is about 15 miles from both the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant in Bridgman (to the south), and the Palisades atomic reactor in Covert (to the north), both *high-risk* nuclear power plants on the SW Michigan shore of Lake Michigan.

Saturday September 9: INFO-TABLING from 12pm Noon till 7pm, as part of the annual *Vintage in the Zoo Street Festival* in front of Final Gravity Brewing Company, 246 N. Burdick St. on the north end of the Kalamazoo pedestrian mall, followed by a **CONCERT FOR THE GREAT LAKES** at Final Gravity Starting at **6 pm:** Traverse City-based folk singer/songwriter *Victor McManemy* opens, followed at **8:30 pm** by *The Great Lakes Brass Band*. During the inter-band intermission, GUEST SPEAKERS Golden Rule Project Manager Helen Jaccard, crewmate Gerry Condon, and Captain Kiko Johnston-Kitazawa and local and state-wide watchdogs about the Palisades atomic reactor crisis will speak.

Monday, September 11 (noon - 5pm) and Monday evening (6 - 8pm) TEACH-INS ON NUCLEAR ISSUES.

Noon: ORIENTATION/INFO.-TABLING/LUNCH; Food (pizza, bread, salad) and non-alcoholic beverages provided during teach-in at the Martini’s Restaurant Pronto Room (upstairs), 832 S. Westnedge Avenue, Kalamazoo. **The Zoom Hybrid begins at 1 pm-5 pm EST.** Pre-Registration to the Zoom meeting is appreciated: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqfuqhrDosGtEtXNPKBtBxjJVC9J8d8ozZ>
ZOOM TOPICS: **1 pm** Golden Rule, Great Lakes nuclear issues; **2 pm** Old, closed Palisades “zombie” atomic reactor restart scheme crisis; **3 pm** Small Modular Reactor new build threats; **4 pm** Radioactive waste risks at Palisades and beyond. Speakers will include local, Great Lakes regional, national and binational (U.S. and Canada) experts and watchdogs, such as: Veterans For Peace Golden Rule Project Manager *Helen Jaccard*; *Arnie Gundersen*, Chief Engineer, Fairewinds, expert witness regarding Palisades for over a decade; and many others including *Alfred Meyer*, Physicians for Social Responsibility / Non-Proliferation writer.

6-8pm: TEACH-IN MAIN EVENT is at Ballroom A/Rm. 2414 of the new WMU Student Center 1070 Arcadia Loop, Western Michigan University, located between Sangren Hall & Waldo Library. From the main entrance of Sangren Plaza, the Ballrooms are straight to the back of the building. There’s limited metered parking both in front & behind Sangren & near the old Bernhard Student Center. The **TEACH IN** is sponsored by the WMU Dept. of Sociology; Co-sponsored by Kalamazoo Nonviolent Opponents of War <http://kzoo4peace.org>
SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE: WMU Dept. of Sociology professor *Dr. Ron Kramer*, on his forthcoming book *Apocalyptic Crimes*, which argues that nuclear weapons pose an apocalyptic threat to humanity, are illegal under international law, and must be abolished; VFP Golden Rule Project Manager *Helen Jaccard*; *Denise Duffield* (Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles); and Fairewinds Chief Engineer *Arnie Gundersen*. We will webcast this session for virtual viewing as well. The link will be posted at <https://VFPgoldenruleproject.org>

Tuesday, September 12: 10am-1pm ***OPEN BOAT FOR PUBLIC TOURS** of the Golden Rule, oral history / current Great Loop updates from the crew, West Basin Marina (273 Marina Dr.) in St. Joseph, MI.

3-5pm, Van Deusen Room (top floor), downtown Kalamazoo Public Library central location, 315 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007. SHOWING OF TWO SHORT FILMS on the amazing history of the *Golden Rule Peace Boat* and her sister sailing ship, *Phoenix of Hiroshima* – **“MAKING WAVES: THE REBIRTH OF THE GOLDEN RULE,”** and **“PHOENIX OF HIROSHIMA-AN ODYSSEY INTERRUPTED.”** There will be a discussion afterward with Golden Rule Project Manager *Helen Jaccard*, and crewmate *Gerry Condon*.

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*For more info. about the Golden Rule: <https://VFPgoldenruleproject.org>