

ninth annual

PSOMAS PAPER  
YACHT  
CHALLENGE

DATE Thursday, June 23, 2016

TIME Registration 4:30-5:30 pm  
Contest 5:30 pm with Awards to Follow

WHERE City National Plaza Fountain  
(5th and Flower Streets)

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## The Rules

### A. Boat Construction:

1. The paper yacht itself must be made out of 20 lb. bond paper (or lighter weight). It is preferable to use "green" paper (recycled).
2. The yacht is limited to a maximum length of 12 inches, maximum height of 24 inches and a maximum width of six inches.
3. Adhesives are permitted at joints only.
4. No water resistant coatings are allowed.
5. The panel of judges may disqualify a yacht if it is constructed of material not in keeping with the spirit of the event. Don't even think about cheating! (For non-compliant construction, see "D. Open Competition".)

### B. Propulsion:

1. A non-electric propulsion system may be used but not for the purpose of keeping the yacht above water. If the yacht is artificially out of the water at any time the yacht will be disqualified.
2. No chemicals, compressed air, balloons or similar propellants may be used to move the yacht forward or keep it afloat.
3. No external blowers (e.g., hair dryers, fans)... or even heavy breathing!!

### C. The Race:

1. There will be a series of competitions (heats) with approximately 10 yachts in each heat.
2. Each heat will last 10 minutes.
3. The winner is the yacht which, in the allotted time, covers the greatest distance as measured from the edge of the fountain from which the yacht is launched while still remaining in the racing lane.
4. In the event that more than one yacht reaches the opposite end of the fountain (a very strong likelihood), then the winner will be the yacht with the fastest time.
5. A judge/starter, hoping to find favorable winds, will determine the starting line for each heat and start the competition for all participants in a heat. At the conclusion of the heat, the winning distance (or time) will be measured by independent "spotters."
6. The judges reserve the right to adjust the lanes at any time during the race in order to pick up more favorable prevailing winds.
7. A panel of three judges will have sole discretion over the winner of the event with no rights to appeal their decision!

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#### D. Open Competition:

If you would like to enter this year's pint-sized yacht race category, the following rules apply:

1. The size of the boat is limited to two feet in height and two feet in width. (It must fit under the Double Ascension sculpture in the fountain!)
2. Light-weight balsa wood can be used, as well as any weight of paper or cardboard.
3. The boat can be mechanically or electrically powered provided no polluting liquids are used.
4. No human power can be used. (You can't pull your boat across the fountain!)
5. No awards shall be granted in the Open Competition. It is after all a paper boat race!

#### E. The Awards:

1. First, second and third place winners will receive trophies.
2. A perpetual trophy shall be displayed at the Psomas downtown office with the name of the annual first place winner inscribed.

#### F. Costumes:

The event will feature award certificate(s) for the best nautical individual and group costume(s). So come dressed up as a sailor, pirate, fetching wench, navy officer, marooned island survivor, or ???

#### G. Design Competition:

An award certificate will be given to the boat judged to have the best design.

#### And now a word from our lawyers...

*This event may pose some inherent danger to persons or property. Therefore, as a condition of being allowed to participate, you, on behalf of yourself and your heirs, assigns and representatives, hereby release and waive, to the fullest extent allowed by law, Psomas, Commonwealth Partners, the Skid Row Housing Trust, and their employees, officers, agents and representatives, (collectively "Releasees") from any and all losses and claims for damage that may arise related to this event. This includes claims of every kind and nature, including but not limited to claims sounding in tort, contract, statute and strict liability. By executing this release and waiver, you knowingly assume all risks relating to the Contest, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the Releasees. Further, you agree to defend and indemnify Releasees from any and all claims, damages and losses arising out of your negligence or intentional misconduct in connection with this event. You acknowledge that this event is purely voluntary and that this release and indemnity was freely given in exchange for being allowed to participate. Further, you understand and agree that by participating in this event, photographs and video of your likeness and/or that of your yacht may be used and reproduced without your permission.*

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