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**TIME** Registration 4:30–5:30 pm  
Contest 5:30 pm awards to follow  
**WHERE** City National Plaza Fountain  
(5<sup>th</sup> and Flower Streets)

**REGISTRATION**

To register, please complete the Registration and Payment/Entry Information form below. Submit the completed form and your payment by check or credit card by June 25, 2014. On-site registration will be available on day of event.

By payment of your registration, you acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to everything in the Rules and Guidelines.

Fill out all information below and mail or email to Ms. Rumi Noon (see Rules for contact info).

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY AND ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read, understand and agree to everything on this entry form and in the Rules and Guidelines.

signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

1. **Check:** Please make check payable to Hope Street Family Center. Mail your check and this completed Registration and Payment/Information form to: Ms. Rumi Noon c/o Psomas at 555 S. Flower Street, Suite 4300, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

OR

2. **Credit Card** (complete both Steps A and B below):

(a) Go to the Hope Street Family Center website [www.HopeStreetFamilyCenter.org](http://www.HopeStreetFamilyCenter.org) and navigate to the donation page.

(b) Submit your completed Registration Form via email or mail to Rumi Noon. Email: [Rumi.Noon@psomas.com](mailto:Rumi.Noon@psomas.com)  
Once payment is received you will be officially registered for the event.

**Please indicate your level of entry below:**

Entry level: \_\_\_\_\_ \$35\* per Individual or \_\_\_\_\_ \$50\* per company boat or \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of boats entered: \_\_\_\_\_ Total donation: \_\_\_\_\_

For Company registration provide name of company: \_\_\_\_\_

If you will not be racing your own boat but would like to sponsor a child in the race, please indicate

number of boats : \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*There is no maximum entry fee since all funds are charitable donations to the Hope Street Family Center. The amounts shown above are minimum entry fees. Hope Street Family Center is a community health, education and recreation resource of California Hospital Medical Center (Tax ID# 95-4000909).*



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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.



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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!

**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.



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This year's charity is Hope Street Family Center ([www.HopeStreetFamilyCenter.org](http://www.HopeStreetFamilyCenter.org)). All proceeds raised from the Psomas Paper Yacht Challenge will go to California Hospital Medical Center Foundation to directly benefit Hope Street Family Center. As a community health, education and recreation resource of California Hospital Medical Center, Hope Street Family Center has been serving children and families in downtown Los Angeles since 1992. Annually, Hope Street Family Center serves over 2,000 low-income children, youth and community residents through an array of services, which include early childhood development, family literacy, school readiness, mental health, after-school education and recreation, parenting, home visitation, health and wellness and family support. Hope Street Family Center's mission is to educate children, strengthen families and transform the community.

**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 Hope Street Family Center, 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.

