



PAPER BOATS

WHY PAPER BOATS?

An iconic form, the paper boat is nostalgic, simple, and instantly recognizable. It acts as a surreal memorial to the history of the Santa Monica Pier and its underlying ecologies.

JUNE GLOOM IN SANTA MONICA

In May and June, ocean temperature variations and currents combine to bring an overcast, foggy blanket over the Santa Monica Bay. Even in these low-light conditions, Fresnel lens, combined with holographic photovoltaic cells allow the Paper Boats to create and showcase renewable energy at the pier.

BREAKWATERS. HISTORY. AND PAPER BOATS

Recognizing a disconnect between the surface and subsurface landscapes of the pier, the Paper Boats work to raise awareness and reestablish a connection between ecological and human activities. The Paper Boats on the surface call attention to the history of the breakwater as a historic yacht harbor and the “shipwrecks” below raise awareness to the negative impact of past human

activity on marine ecosystems. In order to reflect the positive impacts of the installation, the “shipwrecks” manifest themselves into successional marine ecosystems--the surface energy directly resurrecting subsurface ecologies and providing tangible benefits to the local flora and fauna.

