Yes, the boat will really float, but as the paper gets saturated with water, it will sink and be ruined. This can actually start a discussion about what made the boat float to begin with and then what made it sink.

- Fold the paper (or the 1/2 sheet of newspaper) in half
- Fold down each side to make triangles
- At the bottom fold the top strip upward on the red line.
• Fold the two small triangles on the left and on the right backwards to make them disappear.

• Turn the paper over and fold the other lower strip upwards. You have formed the well known paper hat. (If you’re finding the origami too challenging with a group of kids, you can always just stop here and wear your hats as sailor hats!!)

If you’re feeling brave enough to continue on to make a boat:

• Turn the hat 90 degrees and open it so you’re looking inside the part you would wear on your head. The thumbs must be inside.

• Lay the upper and the lower parts on each other so it looks like a diamond (see the image to the right).

• Fold the lower front triangle upwards on the red line.
• Turn the paper over and fold the other triangle up. It basically looks like the hat without the brim this time

• Open the hat again and put the upper part on the lower one to make a diamond shape again

• Pull the upper corners of the triangles in direction of the arrows. As you pull these corners you’ll see the boat forming before your eyes.

• Stretch the boat both to the right and left, and then separate it slightly from underneath so it can float.