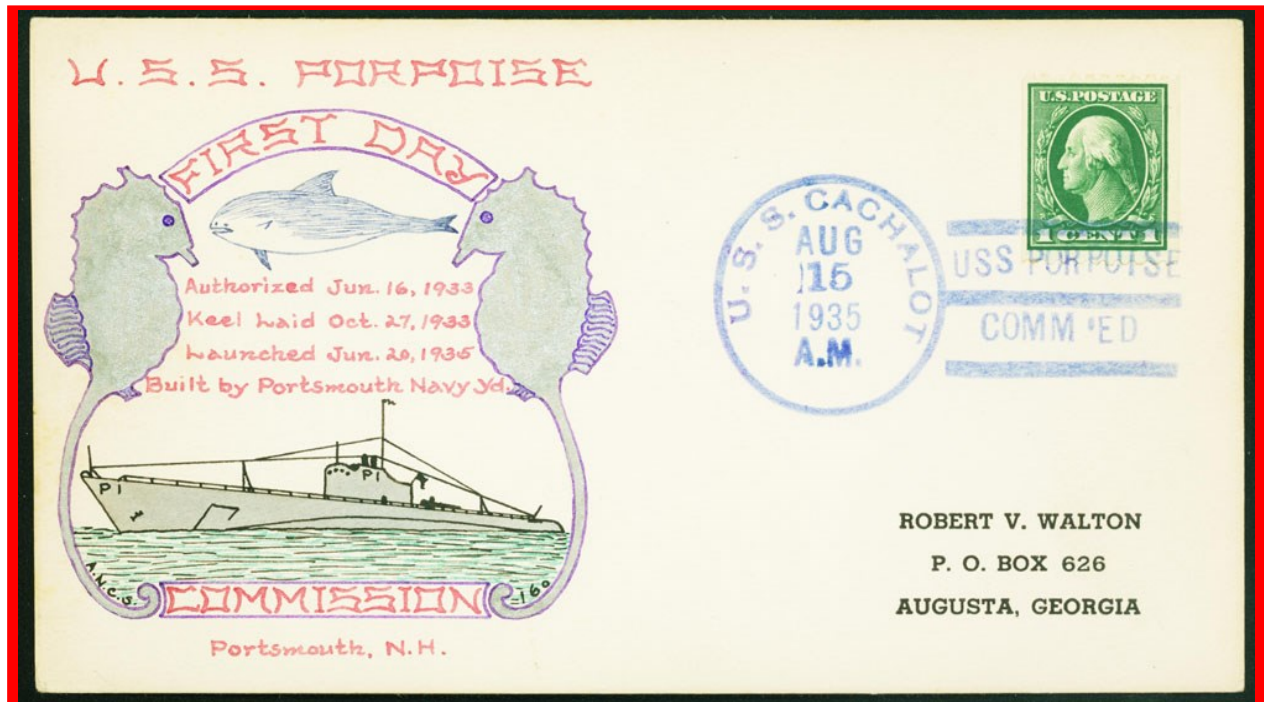


Whales & Dolphins on Cacheted Covers from Namesake U.S. Submarines

Exhibit Purpose & Scope:

The purpose of this one-frame topical illustrated mail exhibit is to show and critique the images of named whales and dolphins in the cachets on covers from **all 14** U.S. submarines of the same name with known namesake images in cachets (commissioned 1932-70). Analytical commentary speaks to the correctness of zoological and anatomical depiction of whale, dolphin, and porpoise images and the submariner's insignia in these cachets. Viewers are invited to dive in!



Porpoise anonymously drawn with two eyes on left upper jaw, pointed dorsal fin, flippers & flukes. Smallest toothed whale welcomed into fleet by largest toothed whale (Cachalot=sperm whale).

VERY RARE Ng hand-drawn colored cachet (ink pens & water-colors),
cancelled onboard USS CACHALOT on commissioning day.

On postcard – fewer than 10 known.

Background:

Whales and dolphins are the quintessential divers of the seas – these (sub) marine mammals are supremely adapted to live their entire life peacefully beneath the waves. Man has attempted to mimic this feat with his machines, designed as assets of warfare – the submarines.

The United States Navy launched its first submarine in 1897, since then more than 650 submarines have been launched; 23 were named after a whale or dolphin, only 10 of which had an onboard post office.

Diversity of cachets created by innovative artists using different methods, for covers commemorating particular events in a submarine's life: the subject of this exhibit is focused on the various artistic resemblances to living whales and dolphins in these cachets. This topical approach to navophilately is novel – here organized by submarine name.

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Exhibit Plan

Title page		1 p
Whales & Dolphins	— Diving In	½ p
Dolphins in Cachets		1 p
Dolphins in Submariner's Insignia		1½ pp
The DOLPHIN		2 pp
The CACHALOT		1 p
The NARWHAL		1 p
The FINBACK		1 p
The GRAMPUS		1½ pp
The BLACKFISH		½ p
The PORPOISE		1 p
The GRAYBACK		2 pp
The WHALE		1 p
The WHALE(nuclear)	— Resurfacing	1 p

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