

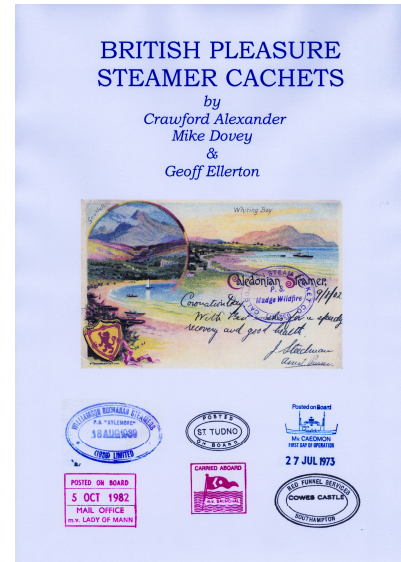


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British Pleasure Steamer Cachets

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Many British Steamer cachets are hard to find and in many cases only one or two examples have been recorded. Many of these from the earliest recorded until the present day are applied by favour at the request of passengers; others are applied to the card before sale on board the steamer whilst others are applied only to mail actually posted on board. Some cachets are used on mail from the Captain or crew of the steamer. In some instances on the Clyde and West Highland routes it is believed that the cachet has been applied by the ship's purser as a type of transit mark to explain the posting of mail handed to the steamer when calling at remote spots.

The term "steamer" has been used to cover any significant British vessel, whether powered by steam or diesel. The authors' have also included cachets from smaller mailboats, other craft and static vessels where they consider it appropriate. Private yachts and naval vessels have been excluded. Well recorded Post Office cancellations like the Greenock & Ardrishaig or H K Packet marks are excluded but other relevant P.O. marks for special occasions are listed. Also shown are a limited number of hovercraft cachets where they complement conventional passenger ship services. Ships operated under non-British flags have been included where they are serving routes wholly within the British Isles, but cross-Channel and Channel Islands services are excluded.

This book seeks for the first time to bring together into the public domain a comprehensive listing and illustration of over 550 known cachets and ship marks from around 1880 to date. Its 75 pages are also profusely illustrated, in colour and black and white with covers, cards and ship pictures. It is an invaluable reference for collectors.

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