

AFDCS BOARD MODULE

WHAT MAKES A COVER?
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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE CANCEL
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COVER CORNER

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HOW TO COLLECT?
BY STAMP
BY SUBJECT
BY CACHET-MAKER

HOW TO DESIGN A CACHET?
There are many ways to design a cachet. Here are just a few examples.

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RUBBER STAMPS
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DESIGN A FLAG CACHET TODAY!
While you're here, design a cachet for the A Flag for All Souvenir stamps. It will be stamped and cancelled, then sent to Auntie Anne where some copies will be displayed. After that, they will be returned along with a participation gift. Just follow these steps:
- Take an envelope
- Think about what you are going to draw
- Be sure to include the American flag in your cachet.
- Write your name, address, and sign on a slip of paper and put it inside the envelope.
- Put your finished cachet in the basket.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
The American First Day Cover Society's website has more information on collecting FDCs. You will also find:
- A chat room about first day covers
- How to cancel terminology
- How to handle first day covers
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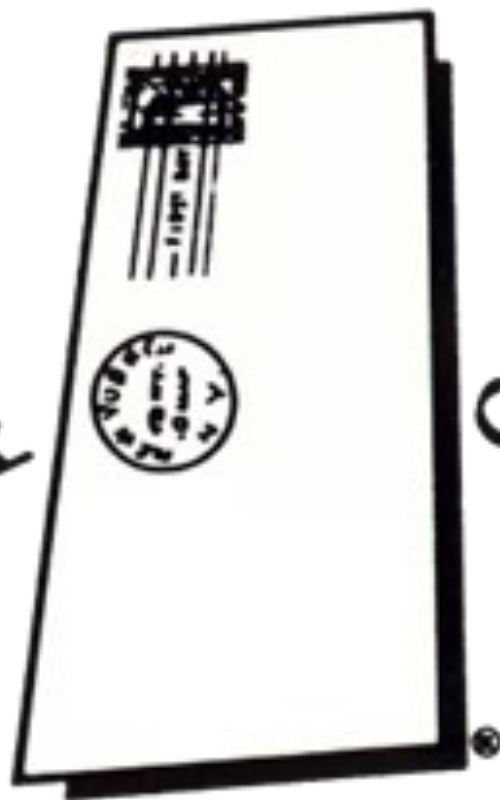
TIPS FOR ASSEMBLING:

- Use the picture of the finished board as a guide to setting things up.
- Start by using a three-sided project board. It can be white or colored.
- The headings should be cut out- decorative scissors would add a little flair to the board.
- Double-sided tape or glue dots might work best for attaching the pages.
- The main heading, the AFDCS Logo and Cover Corner, (pages 3 & 4), should be taped/glued side by side.
- The headings, as well as the sheets, could be attached to colored paper to make them more attractive and to help them stand out.
- Before attaching everything to the board, you might consider adding a border, like the kind used on school bulletin boards. If you find a plain-colored border, stamps could be glued on or you could cut stamp or FDC images from old catalogs.
- The board in the photo shows the spot in the lower-left corner with the FDC contest promotion that took place at StampShow 2013 in Milwaukee. This space could be used as you see fit- you could sponsor your own local contest or you could post club information here.



COVER CORNER

AMERICAN FIRST DAY * SOCIETY * COVER

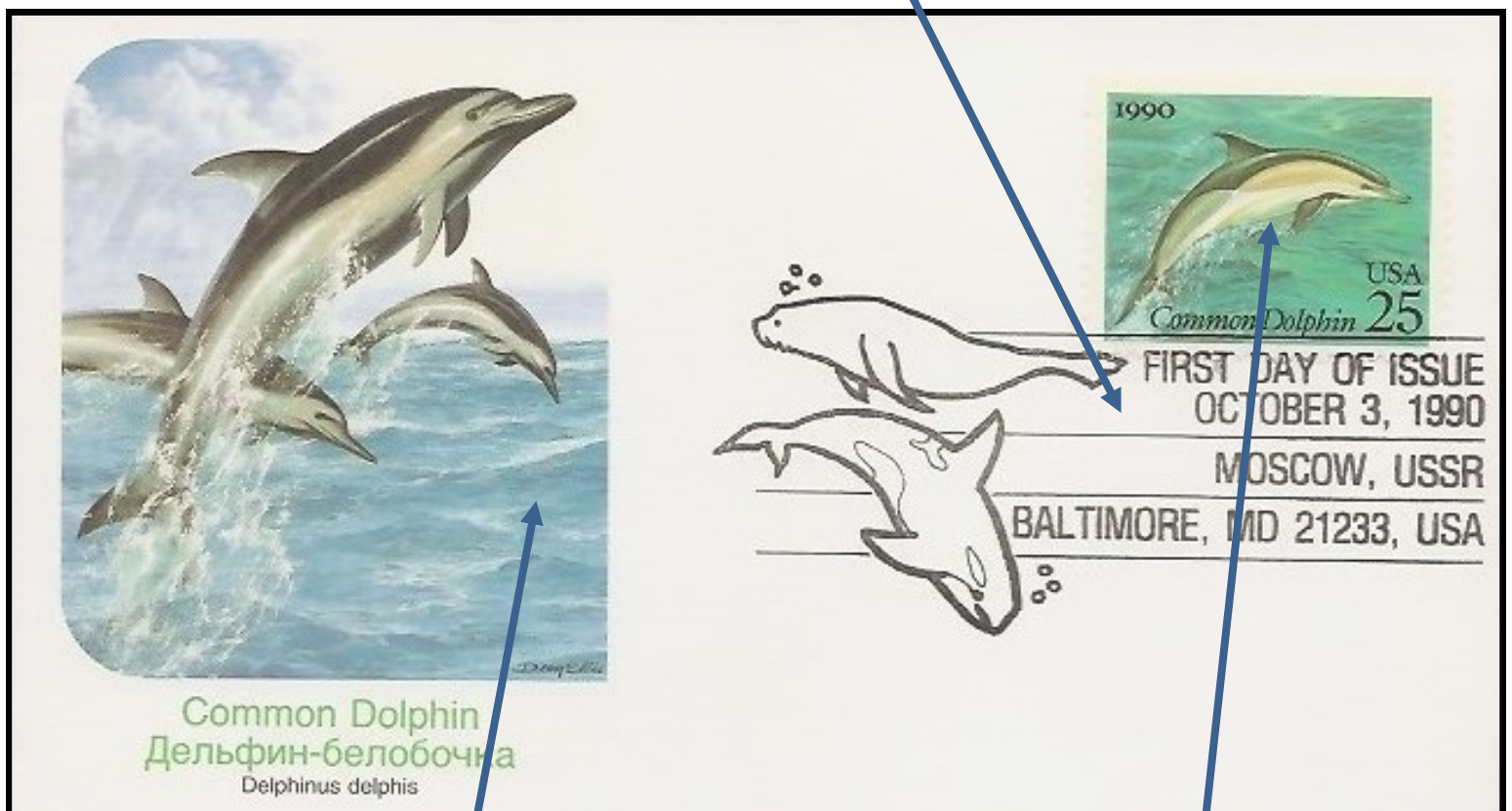


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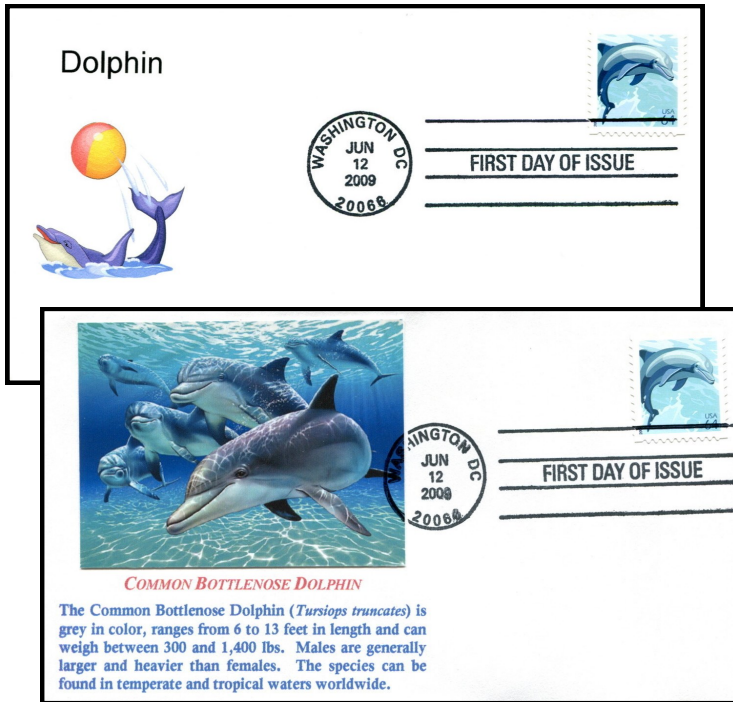
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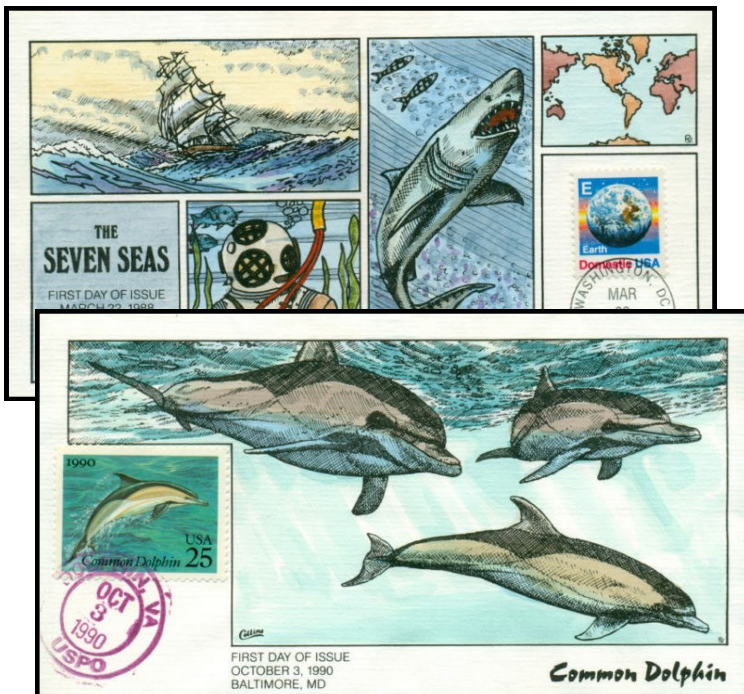
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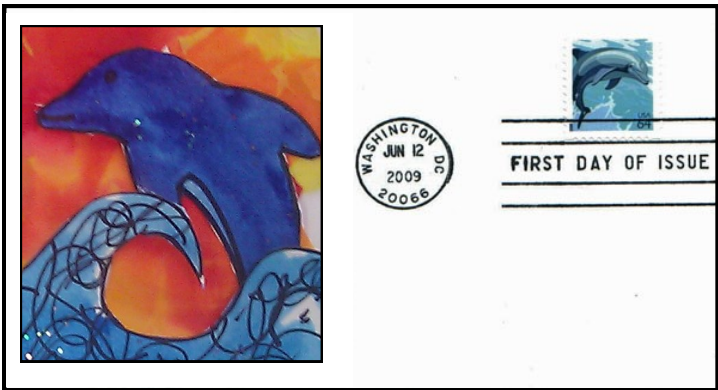
These hand-painted cachets are by Fred Collins.

These printed cachets are by the company Arcraft.

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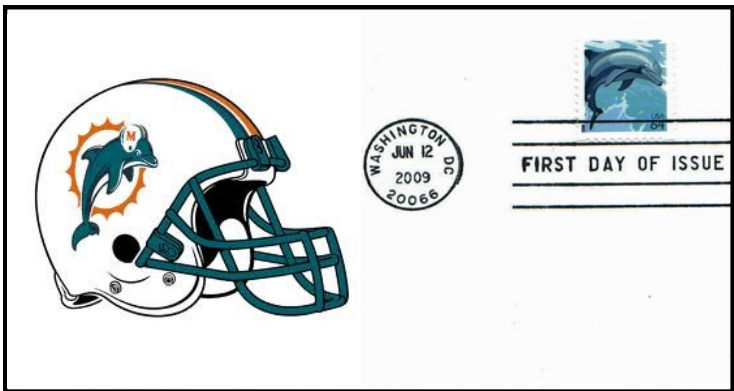
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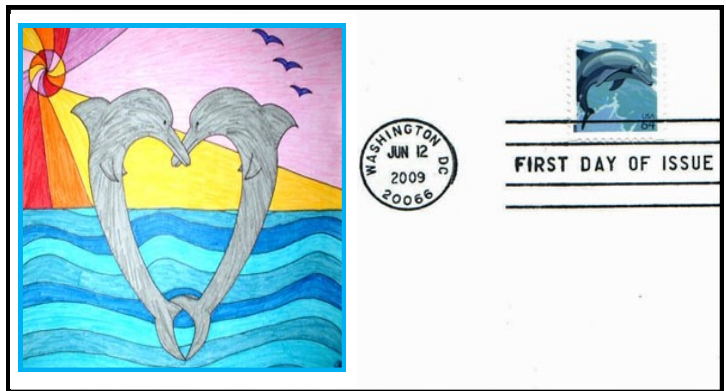
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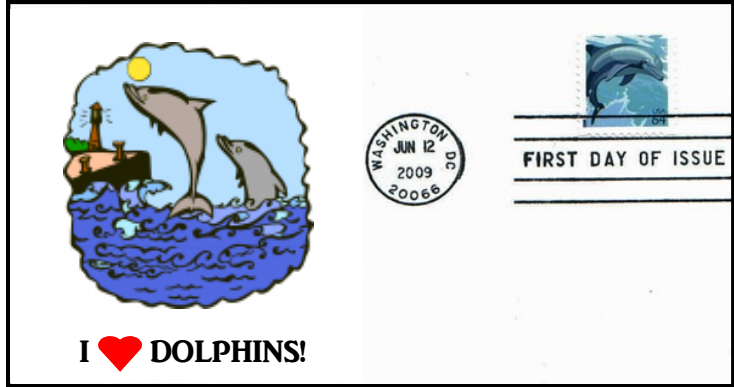
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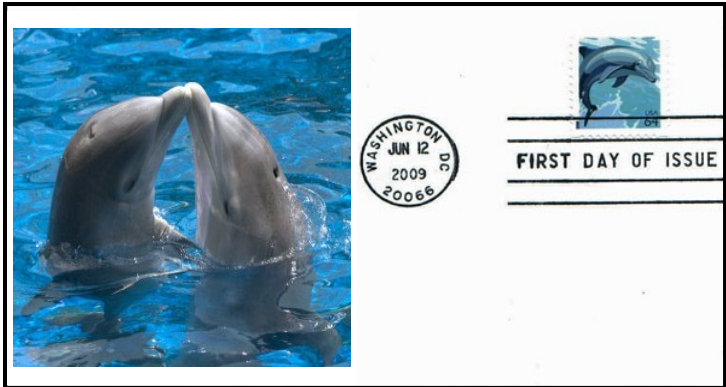
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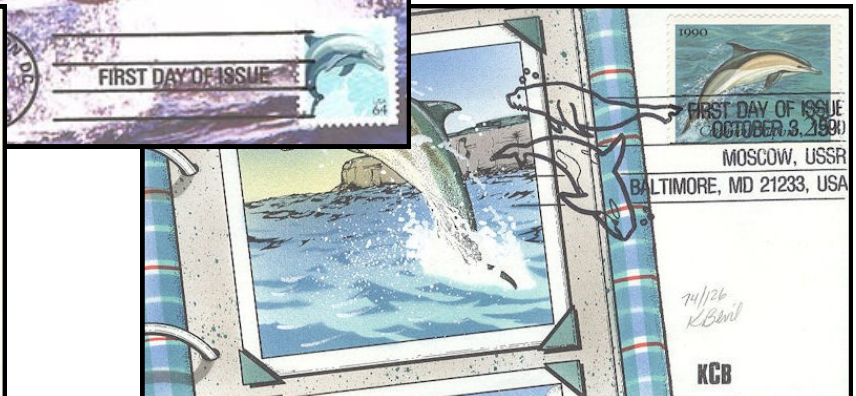
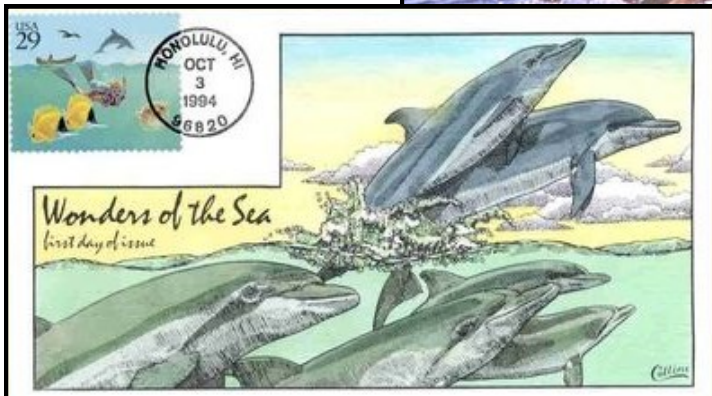
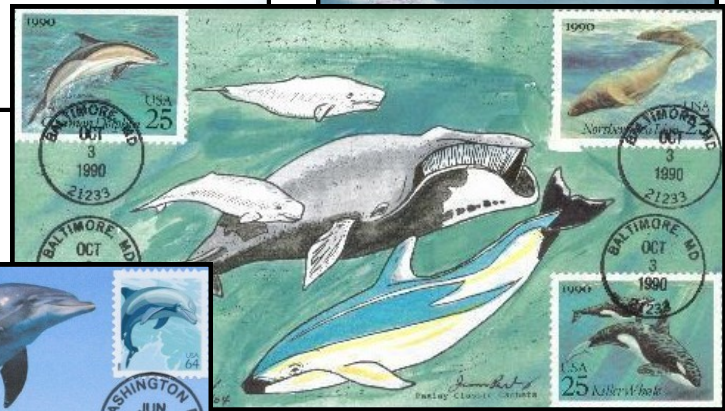
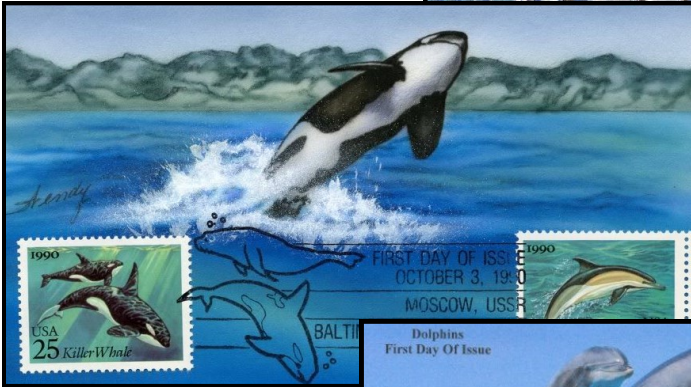
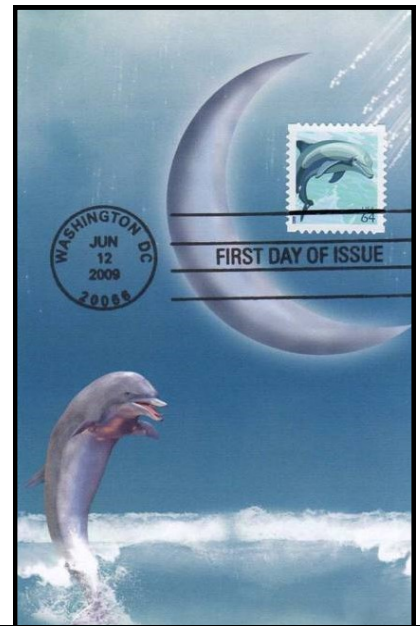
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