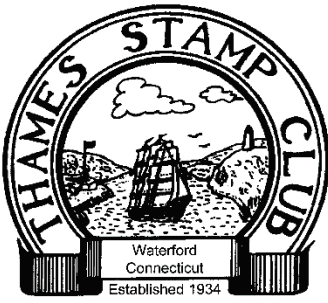




# *Thames Stamp Club Newsletter*

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The Thames Stamp Club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, Sept. through June, at 7:00 P.M. First meeting of each month at the Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Rd, Waterford, CT and second meeting of the month at the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Rd, Groton, CT. All area philatelists are invited. Annual dues are \$10.00. The club's email is [tbbee@aol.com](mailto:tbbee@aol.com). The club's address is PO Box 624, E. Lyme, CT 06333 and on the web at <http://www.ThamesStampClub.org>.

## **April Recap**

**8 Apr** – Open meeting at the Gerry Van N. house with five members attending in the room and one on Zoom. The website-backup discussion will continue when we have the details. Tony, Brian and Gerry went to the bank and established a new account with Gerry as Treasurer. Sue has buttons for members who want one. Refreshments by Sue F. and a short auction concluded the evening.

**22 Apr** – In person meeting at the Groton Public Library with five members attending and one on Zoom. Thamespex'26 will be Oct. 17, contracts are ready and we are working on follow-up paper work for Waterford. Obie has reserved the Waterford Community Center for the show. Refreshments by Gerry Von N., followed by a lively auction, concluded the evening.

## **May Meetings**

**13 May** – In-person meeting at Waterford Public Library + Zoom for those who cannot make it. Tony has refreshments. We will have a short auction.

**27 May** – In-person meeting at the Groton Public Library + Zoom for those who cannot make it. Need a volunteer for refreshments. We will have a short auction.

## **May Stamp Shows**

**23 – 30 May Boston 2026 @** Boston Convention Center, 415 Summer Street

**24 May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Show @** The Annex YMA, 554 Woodward Ave, New Haven

## **Here and There**

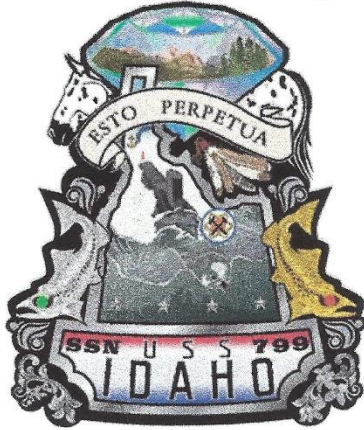
Serviced covers for the Commissioning of the USS Idaho on 25 April are now available. There are only 30 serviced covers and are \$3.50 each. Reserve your cover now before they are all gone. **It is that time of year again and your 2026 dues are now due. Dues are \$10/yr. Please mail \$10 to TSC, PO Box 624, E. Lyme, CT 06333.** Everyone, please stay healthy and safe. The following link will take you to the APS Monthly Newsletter: <https://stamps.org/news/c/news/p/1>

Philatelically yours,

*Tony*

Tony Bruno

**Commissioning**



**25 April 2026  
Naval Submarine Base  
Groton, CT 06349**

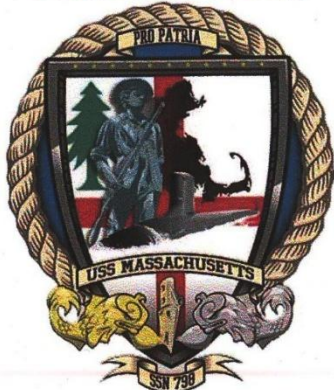


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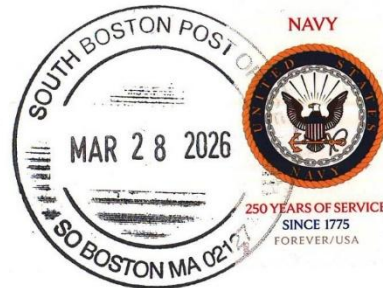


USS Idaho SSN 799 serviced Commissioning Cover. Covers are \$3.50 each.

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**28 March 2026  
Conley Marine Terminal  
South Boston, MA 02127**



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