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Gibraltar stamps commemorate the 100 Years of the Gibraltar Sea Scouts

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar and the Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau have issued a set of 2 postage stamps commemorating the 100 Years of the Gibraltar Sea Scouts, the only Sea Scout group outside the United Kingdom recognized by the Admiralty.

The first reference to the Gibraltar Sea Scouts on record is found in a letter, dated 4th July 1914 from Major O.H. Pedley, the Scout Commissioner for Gibraltar, to the Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association in which he informs him that No. 3 and No. 4 Troop 'are in the process of formation' and that Gibraltar would probably have some Sea Scouts in the near future'. Less than a year later 5th Gibraltar Sea Scouts was raised with Mr. Radcliffe, RN, as its Scoutmaster.

Scouting has continued to flourish in Gibraltar and many hundreds of young Gibraltarians have been involved in the local Sea Scouts group and have all benefited enormously, thanks to the hard work and dedication of its leaders who have given up their free time for the benefit of our youth and the local community.

The stamps were officially released by the Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, in the presence of the Minister for Postal Services the Hon Minister Steven Linares and past and present leaders and members of the Gibraltar Sea Scouts at a reception commemorating the centennial anniversary. A special thanks goes to Group Scout Leader Mr Elliott Cohen who has been instrumental to the production of these stamps

The stamps and related philatelic products are now available for purchase from the Philatelic Shop outside the Main Post Office and are also available to order online on www.gibraltar-stamps.com