



Up Helly Aa refers to any of a variety of fire festivals held in Shetland, in Scotland, annually in the middle of winter to mark the end of the Yule season. The festival involves a procession of up to a thousand guizers in Lerwick and considerably lower numbers in the more rural festivals, formed into squads who march through the town or village in a variety of themed costumes.

Up Helly Aa is a tradition that originated in the 1880s. Since then the festival has been an annual occurrence in the Shetland calendar with few notable exceptions due to the advent of wars and the deaths of notable national figures.

Since 2006 the festival organisers have issued an annual commemorative stamped cover bearing specially designed and commissioned Smilers stamps and labels with attractively designed labels celebrating the **Up Helly Aa** tradition. This is an illustrated listing of the covers issued to date all of which are available for purchase from Ridgewood Stamp Sheets.

Issue Date	Cover Design	Stamp/Label Design
30-Jan-2007		
29-Jan-2008		
27-Jan-2009		
26-Jan-2010		



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25-Jan-2011	<p>225</p> <p>GUIZER JARL <i>[Signature]</i></p>	
31-Jan-2012	<p>494</p> <p>2012 BÖTHVAR EGILSSON</p> <p>GUIZER JARL <i>[Signature]</i></p>	
29-Jan-2013	<p>470</p> <p>XMNM MRKSSST GAMLE ERIKSSON 2013</p> <p>GUIZER JARL <i>[Signature]</i></p>	
28-Jan-2014	<p>470</p> <p>2014 IVAR "the Boneless" RAGNARSSON</p> <p>GUIZER JARL <i>[Signature]</i></p>	
27-Jan-2015	<p>OLAV HARALDSSON 484 1015 - 2015</p> <p>GUIZER JARL <i>[Signature]</i></p>	



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27-Jan-2015		
26-Jan-2016		