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## Description both / sides

On the obverse, the sailing vessel Pourquoi Pas? is shown with all her sails hoisted amid sea floe at the South Pole. Icebergs and a planisphere can be seen in the background. The ensemble is surrounded by a rope which is a nod to the world of sailing. The reverse shows a composition common to all five coins dedicated to sailing vessels in this collection and features a helm and jibs. The question mark on the sail symbolises this sailing vessel's unique name.

## More information

This unusual name comes from the answer that, as a child, Commander Jean-Baptiste Charcot gave to people who voiced doubts about his aptitude to become a sailor and an explorer. The first Pourquoi Pas? was built in 1893, and was followed by others on which commander Charcot crossed the Arctic Circle for the first time. The explorer died when the Pourquoi Pas? IV sank on September 16th, 1936.

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