

"Piemonte" starts its return trip to the shipyard at Arona.

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n Saturday 13th April the Verein Historische Seethalbahn (VHS), www.historischeseethalbahn.ch , organised a Luzern-Luino-Luzern trip using a special train run by the BLS featuring preserved RBDe 566 I - originally RBDe 4/4 built in 1973/4. When the excursion arrived at Luino (TI) the 160 guests embarked on a four-hour cruise on Lago Maggiore sailing on the 'ps Piemonte' that was built in 1904 by Escher Wyss as Regina Madre'. As the VHS team had organised the catering on the train as it travelled south everyone was able to enjoy their trip on the historic paddle steamer.

The first 'contact' at Luino pier with 'ps Piemonte'.



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This shows the train prior to leaving Luzern SBB.

Well done! - The crew of 'ps Piemonte' ready for a picture at the end of the cruise in Luino.



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