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TICKETS PLEASE ON LAGO DI LUGANO

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MS Italia approaches one of the piers serving the communities around Lake Lugano, 21 September 2000

Although Mr Edmondson's wonderful tickets are no longer valid in Switzerland for through journeys, there is nothing to stop operators using them for internal bookings. Thus in May, whilst in Luzern for the paddle steamer parade, SRS Member Maurice Criddle was able to bring me home some traditional tickets for my collection from the Stanserhornbahn. Selling itself (or at least its lower section) as an "old-tyme funicular", the railway still sells Victorian style tickets.

Several museum lines, such as the Blonay-Chamby, are also continuing with Edmondson card tickets but news came in a summer edition of *Ticket* magazine, edited

Around each headland is another attractive vista when sailing on Lake Lugano, 24 September 2004.

by Jürg Tschümi at Thun, that you could still buy them on the shores of Lake Lugano. Although the main offices and pier ticket sellers now have machines, passengers joining the boats of La Società Navigazione del Lago di Lugano (SNL) at Caslano can buy their tickets from Mario Rudin's kiosk near the pier.

Not expecting to be able to visit Caslano this year, I wrote to Mario Rudin (enclosing a small CHF note) and he kindly sent me one of his cheapest tickets for my collection. I suspect that few passengers use this facility for, by the end of August, he had sold only 50 half-price tickets to Ponte Tresa which must be one of the more popular journeys. According to the latest SNL timetable which I have, only two boats call daily in the summer – and as they take a circular route at this end of the lake there is no return service! Presumably you return by the FLP trains which stop at Caslano two minutes after leaving Ponte Tresa.