

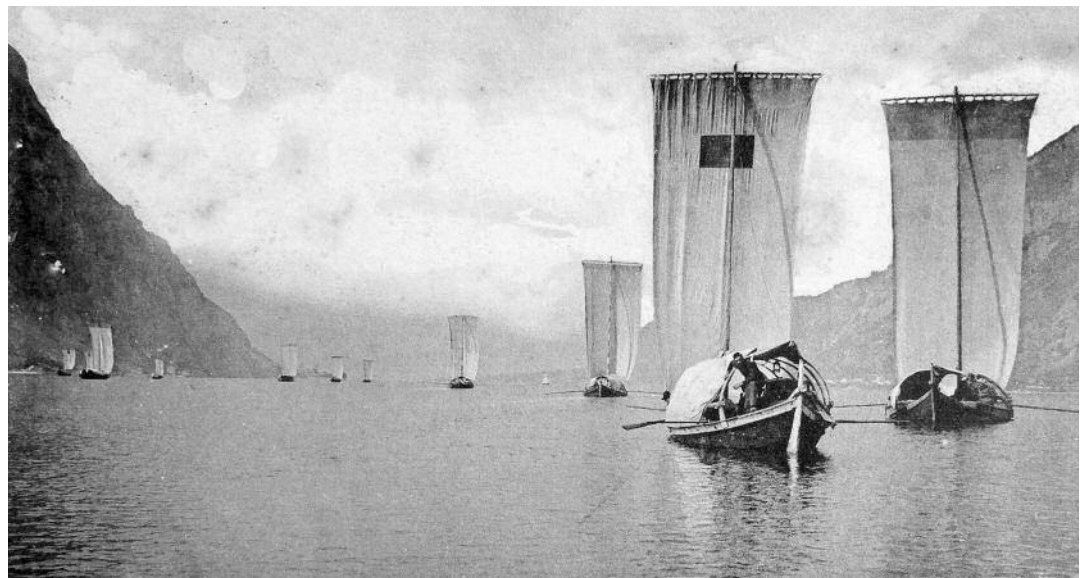


Comune di Moltrasio
Assessorato al Turismo

Surrounded by a pier dating from 18th century, the municipal small port was an important place for the carriage by gondola and "comballo" (a typical boat) of the local high-quality stones and other goods, as well as for fishing activities, until the early 20th century.

One of the old families that made the small port their workplace was the Peverelli family. With the famous "gondola" (in the local dialect, "cumball") and smaller boats to rent, they transhipped people coming to Moltrasio by boat, since the village at that time was not provided with a dock for mooring.

Some of the historic boats of Lake Como: gondola or comballo, "batel", inglesina row-boat and "navett"



Later, the small port hosted the transport gondola, property of Giacomo Sala who, besides the transshipment activities, was boatman and fisherman. At that time also Emilio and Pietro Aquilini, brothers, were boatmen. Emilio Aquilini's grandsons, still today, continue this tradition of boatmen carrying on the centennial family business. They make available to tourists not only

speed boats but also traditional wooden inglesina rowboats.

In the 1960's the Sala family, once the freight activities came to an end, ceded the gondola and the related mooring. This mooring was thus occupied by another famous boat: the "Scorribiessa", property of Conte Cetti Serbelloni.

Two wooden inglesina rowboats for rent, owned by Nettuno



The Scorribiessa, the last gondola of Lake Como





Nowadays, it is used by Moltrasio's Rowing Club, that expanded the area of the port next to the first headquarters in 1970. This headquarters was constructed in 1902 as a sporting club that, starting a rowing tradition, lead a number of its athletes to win international competitions.

This club, which includes the activities of canoeing and kayaking, has rowing tanks, gym, and a spinning area, as well as a floating pier for recreational and competition crafts. Among the presidents of the club there are some remarkable figures, such as the motorboating champion Sandro De Col in 1951, or the explorer Guido Monzino until 1973.

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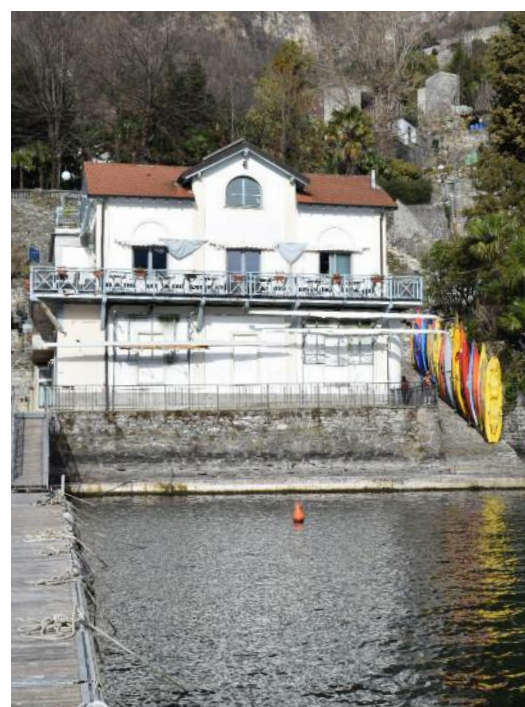
Marked in blue, the first headquarter of Moltrasio's Rowing Club in the early 20th century



Marked in blue, the new headquarter of Moltrasio's Rowing Club



The headquarter seen from the small port and from the lake





The historic headquarter was turned into a rooftop bar-restaurant, whereas the modern port has touristic purposes, being used as a dock for recreational crafts, with a pontoon reserved for embarkation.

The small port in Moltrasio, simply called "dock" by the inhabitants, always has been - and still today is - an important reference point for tourism in the village, contributing to embellish Moltrasio and to enhance its visibility.

The small port in the early 20th century and as it is today

