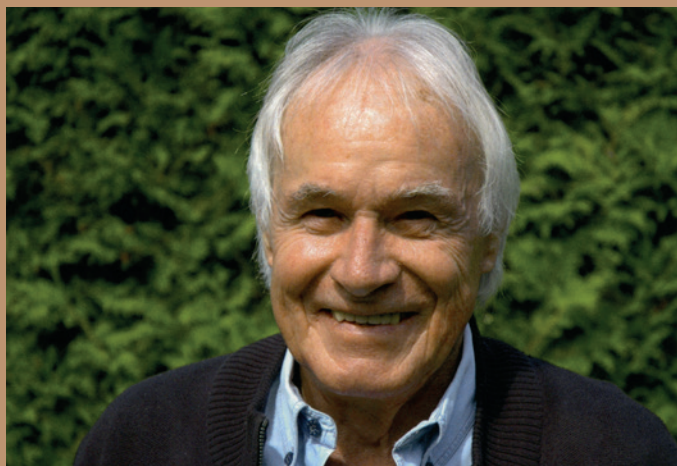


Design: Ueli Colombi

Marine artist Ueli Colombi was born in Thun in 1940. Even as a schoolboy he was fascinated by ships and spent every minute of his free time on or near the water. After training to be a sailor with Schweiz. Reederei AG in Basel, the son of well-known Thun architect Livio Colombi completed an apprenticeship as a draughtsman and then took a degree course at the technical university to become an architect. In between whiles, he was constantly taking to the water. After his degree, Colombi worked in Vancouver (Canada) for several years as an architect, then returned to Switzerland to continue in the same profession. It is no surprise that his projects included the restoration of steamboats, for example the "Blümlisalp". At some point, he began to create stone lithographs of Swiss steamboats, before moving on to acrylic paintings. His subjects are people and ships, and he has been a full-time artist since 2005.



Characteristics

Effigy

Steamboat "Uri"

Artist

Ueli Colombi, Sigriswil

Technical data

Alloy: Silver 0.835

Weight: 20 g

Diameter: 33 mm

Legal face value

20 Swiss francs

Date of issue

4 May 2017

Selling period

Up to 3 May 2020 or while stocks last

Mintage

Uncirculated coin:

30,000 pieces

Proof coin in presentation case:

5,000 pieces



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Steamboat "Uri"

The "Uri", Switzerland's oldest paddle steamer and the oldest ship in the SGV company's fleet, embarked on its maiden voyage in 1901. The ship can take 800 passengers and offer both first- and second-class accommodation. The "Uri" is a classic example of a Sulzer paddle steamer, many of which were manufactured around the beginning of the twentieth century. They boast excellent handling in the water, stability in rough weather and fuel economy. The "Uri" is powered by an inclined 650 HP Sulzer two-cylinder condensing compound steam engine.

Over the years the "Uri" underwent various upgrades and repairs, and had its share of minor incidents. In 1949 it was converted to burn heavy oil instead of coal and then between 1960 and 1961 it had a

protective roof installed as well as a retractable wheelhouse and a telescopic chimney and masts, which enabled it to pass under the Acheregg motorway bridge (Stansstad). When the ship was completely refurbished between 1991 and 1994, these alterations were reversed and the resplendent neo-Baroque first-class salon designed by Filippo Cassina (Milan) restored to its former glory. The furniture and richly decorated ceilings were completely reconstructed, while the bow decoration had already been replaced with the Uri bull emblem in 1981 after being damaged in an accident.

Sources: Dampferfreunde Vierwaldstättersee (steamer friends of Lake Lucerne), Wikipedia