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SIDWAYS LAUNCHING:

The 2,350-ton cargo ship "Baltisberg" is ready for launching in a Dutch shipyard - and thousands have gathered to watch, for this is a very special launching!

Yes, you're right - she's being launched sideways - a method which is widely employed only in Holland, to make the best use of her narrow waterways. But even the Dutch have never tackled a problem like this before - for the "Baltisberg" is the largest vessel ever to be launched in this unorthodox fashion. Watch it! spectators - you're going to get your feet wet!

The "Baltisberg" will be used mainly to carry timber from Scandinavia. From now on her travels will be strictly fore-and-aft but she'll always be able to boast that she was the biggest vessel in the world to start her life sideways.