



SEDE DELLA CANOTTIERI LARIO (HEADQUARTERS OF THE LAKE COMO ROWING CLUB)

You can find this point of interest in Como - Path 5 - Stage 2

INFORMATION

Location: the headquarters of the Canottieri Lario (Lake Como Rowing Club) are in Como, viale Puecher 6

Paving: at the entrance of the club the surface of the pavement changes from asphalt to porphyry cubes, turning back to asphalt once past the entrance. The threshold is made of stone

Architectural barriers: there is a low threshold at the entrance

Access: access is from viale Puecher 6

Services: parking available in the area; bike-sharing docking station

Leisure and Food: bars and cafes in the area; sports facilities; public park.

DESCRIPTION

The premises for the headquarters of the Canottieri Lario (Lake Como Rowing Club) were built according to a design by Gianni Mantero on land owned by the Municipality using funds donated by Mrs. Antonietta Sinigaglia in memory of her son, a champion oarsman who lost his life in the war. The only condition put by Mrs. Sinigaglia was that the building was to be, too, the headquarters of the local section of the National Association of Retired Grenadiers. The plan was drawn up according to a planimetric study drafted by Zurich architect Boedeker, who specialized in buildings for rowing clubs.

Luigi Cavadini writes that the building (1930-1931) «extends along the lakeside, immediately bringing to light the core of the project: to link, also figuratively, the athlete to the waters of Lake Como». The Latin adage «*Parant Fortia Pectora Remi (Oars make strong chests)*» is inscribed on the façade».

«The large glass window in the athletes' resting area - the bar-reception hall - opens the inside of the building onto the lake and its surrounding mountains. From here one can catch a glimpse of the splendid diving-tower which leans out towards the lake with its boards on three different levels, almost a triumph of reinforced concrete. The training room, with its tank and stationary boat, is definitely a place of interest, as is the storeroom-pavilion for the boats and the finishing touches, particularly the stairways...

The building was enlarged in 1983 according to a plan by Enrico Mantero. The large volume in concrete and glass, including the gymnasium, and an outdoor pool for members' use, were added on the right hand-side of the lakefront side and adapt well to the original structure, enhancing the impact of the building» (L. Cavadini, *Architettura razionalista nel territorio comasco*, Provincia di Como, Como 2004).