



45. La Fábrica de Hielo

La Fábrica del Hielo (ice factory) is part of the heritage of the Sociedad Marina Auxiliante de los patronos de El Cabanyal, which operated at the southern part of the beach, unlike the El Progreso Pescador, installed to the north. The buildings are set on a horizontal strip of land gained from the sea on both sides of Eugènia Viñes Street.

Built in 1925, the building was used to produce ice, which was used to preserve fish on boats working at sea for days and storing the goods in their holds, and to keep the fish fresh once on land until it was sold.

The original site consisted of two gabled roof constructions embracing an open central space. The side buildings were constructed with traditional metal trusses covered with flat tiles. The construction system is completed with load-bearing walls and brick pillars embedded in the wall.

The façades are simple, made with solid exposed brick, with the south facing being the main side, where the elevation is repeated for the side buildings consisting of a central door, oculus framed by a brick ring and quadrangular tympanum finished with mouldings of four rows of brick; the central body only conserves the original doorway. Side façades have different, small openings arranged evenly. The only decoration is a cornice comprised of several rows of brick, one laid at an angle.

The building suffered serious alterations in the 1950s when the east-facing unit and courtyard were joined for a new activity. The dividing wall was removed, incorporating a vertical structure with metal profiles, and the traditional roof was replaced by a fibre cement version, the same material used to cover the central courtyard.

Today it is a space used for leisure.