



50. Unión de Pescadores Building

The Unión de Pescadores building, known as El Casinet, was built in 1909 according to a project by master builder Juan Bautista Gosálvez; in 1919, architect Víctor Gosálvez worked on the property.

It was designed to house the Sociedad El Progreso Pescador, a cooperative founded in 1902 by fishermen who broke away from the Sociedad La Marina Auxiliante, which belonged to the owners. The company supplied essential products to fishermen in exchange for payment in kind. It also offered fencing classes for self-defence, a sport with a long tradition in the neighbourhood.

In 1926, the Sociedad Musical Unión de Pescadores (SMUP) was founded and established in the upper part of the building, after splitting from the old Patronato de Poble Nou de la Mar.

For a time it was used as a Republic Education Centre for the Sociedad de Pueblo Nuevo del Mar, hosting political rallies by Blasco Ibáñez.

The ground floor is an open space used to store products and fishing tools; a staircase at the back led to the upper floor. The large openings were used to display products for sale.

The elevation has not undergone any changes from the original; it has a series of paired openings, except at the entrance which has three, with curved lintels on the ground floor and balcony doors with straight lintels and classic cornices on the first floor. Railings and part of the parapet are made of curved cast iron bars. The building is topped with a parapet and frontispiece on the main façade to highlight the entrance. The ground floor is clad in plaster with marked horizontal joints and a stone plinth around the perimeter of the building.

It has recently been refurbished following an agreement between the Sociedad Musical Unió de Pescadors and València City Council.