

## History

In the 1960s, the companies bordering the western branch began to face the first problems due to navigation, which was increasingly frequent, and to the wind which made the beautiful waters of Lake Como increasingly agitated.

Alternatives are sought in the smaller lakes which, created by the same glacier that generated Lake Como, placed in a semicircle bring the Lecco branch closer to that of Como.

Among these, Lake Pusiano represents the best solution both from a meteorological point of view, thanks to an almost total absence of wind, and from the point of view of the tranquility of the lake, as navigation is forbidden.

To the tranquility of the waters are added a length, a width and a total surface area that are very suitable for training, technique and training activities for rowing.

The first companies therefore appeared and subsequently in the 1980s invited the National Rowing Federation to consider the opportunity to finance a peripheral branch essential for the competitive activity of the companies on Lake Como. These are the last years of a great and much loved Federal President who is very sensitive to the development of the rowing activity and who does not miss the opportunity to give importance to the practice of the oar. It was precisely Paolo D'Aloja who personally brought the funds for the construction of the first boat hangar to the then mayor of Eupilio, Vittorio Molteni.

Thus began the history of the Rowing Center which was subsequently expanded in the 1990s by adding a small gym with a rowing room and a sports medicine centre.

The companies of Lake Como transfer the operational headquarters for the competitive preparation of their respective teams to Lake Pusiano. They

create a committee and start collaborating for the management of the Centre. First and only aggregation project in Italy.

Thus we arrive at 2010, when, in a beautiful evening at the restaurant of Canottieri Lario, the councilor for sport of the province of Como, Achille Moiola, presents a feasibility study to the companies of the lake to expand and complete the center that was in meanwhile become insufficient to accommodate all the athletes of the lake.

From the disbelief of the companies we moved on to surprise in seeing the proposal soon realized in a general project; the construction was entrusted to the Consortium of the Lario now Authority of the Basin of the Lario and the Minor Lakes; from the project we moved on to the request for funding which involves, in addition to the provinces of Como and Lecco, as many as 7 municipalities and as many institutions and associations for the environment and for the protection of the territory. Everyone believes it, everyone is committed. We arrive at the assignment of the works and the laying of the first stone; in November 2012 work began on the construction of what we can now define as one of the most beautiful rowing centers in Italy.