

# Lomo's New Cougar Snorkel

A SNORKEL is something that I like many divers have ditched from my kit. With multiple regulators around my neck, I was thinking the less clutter the better. Now I'm having second thoughts as I've come to appreciate that the snorkel is an important bit of kit.

Recently I used Lomo's new Cougar snorkel in some fairly rough conditions with a big swell crashing in on the East Coast. And I was impressed.

The snorkel includes a purge valve so clearing it is easy; and there is a sturdy splashguard, which keeps a lot of surface spray out of the tube. The mouthpiece is a silicone regulator mouthpiece, replaceable and very comfy. This is attached to a small section of silicone tubing before joining the snorkel tube proper. I really liked this as it gave a bit of flexibility without enabling the mouthpiece to flap all over the place.

An easy attachment mask clip makes fitting the snorkel to the

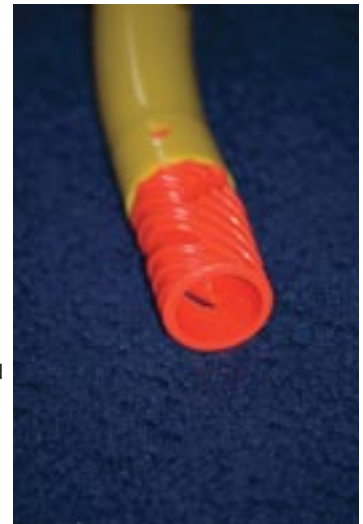
mask strap a breeze. The purge valve section of the snorkel I thought looked a little bulky, its rectangular shape perhaps a little vulnerable to a careless foot or weightbelt, but after testing it proved tough enough.

In the water I found no problems at all and the unit was comfortable and easy to use and stayed out of the way of my regulators and camera viewfinder. The tube remained dry and the purge valve worked like a dream with no water leaking back into the tube.

Needless to say this new snorkel will remain attached to my mask strap rather than languishing in my dive bag. Another good Lomo product at a reasonable £7.50

Features: replaceable silicone mouthpiece; splash guard; purge valve; hi viz colour scheme; easy attachment mask clip

**Review: Mike Clark**



*The Lomo Cougar snorkel (top and above) impressed reviewer Mike Clark*

## Atomic Masks For Smaller People

ATOMIC, THE name behind some of the world's best regulators and most durable masks, is distributed in the UK by Typhoon International. Recently they added a smaller skirt version of Atomic's market leading single lens mask to their portfolio.

The smaller skirt is made from a high quality silicone bonded directly onto the lens; which makes the mask incredibly low profile and ideal for those with a smaller face.

As with all Atomic Masks it features 'ultraclear' lens technology. This uses a new optical quality glass to eliminate the green tint found in normal dive masks resulting in exceptionally high light transmittance and lack of distortion, helping to make the most of the available light.

It is available in Black or Clear



from all good retailers. RRP: £59.95.

For more details contact Typhoon on 01642 486104 or [www.typhoon-int.co.uk](http://www.typhoon-int.co.uk)

## Trinity Suits For Ladies

THE LADIES version of Typhoon International's hugely successful Matrix 3 piece suit set is now available.

Like the men's suit, the 3 pieces are; a back entry full suit, a front entry Shorty and a Short Jane. The Full Suit and the Shorty both use a high density 5mm Plush lined Titanium neoprene for extra warmth

and are both glued and blind stitched to eliminate flushing. The short Jane uses a more stretchy 3mm version of this neoprene to improve comfort and reduce swimming fatigue.

Other features include wrap around high neck collars, semi dry seals, tape reinforced seams and YKK zips with internal baffles. The combination of a modern anatomical fit and cutting edge

materials make this one of the best performing suit sets on the market.

The suits are available from all good retailers. RRP: Full Suit - £119 Shorty - £70 & Short Jane - £50 Sizes: S, SM, M, ML, L.

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