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The Lagon C snorkel is made by **Sommap** (Société Méditerranéenne de Matériels de Pêche sous-marine), a diving, swimming, spearfishing and nautical equipment manufacturer and wholesaler located in Roquefort la Bédoule near the southern French port of Marseilles. This breathing tube (Sommap Reference Number 1569) is stocked by several European online retailers, including Amazon.co.uk, Fieldsportsfishing.com, Mikes-diving.co.uk, Palanquee.com and Vieuxplongeur.com. Spare mouthpieces for this contoured snorkel (Sommap Reference Number 1617) can be bought separately at Vieuxplongeur.com.

Measurements

Size	Outer length	Inner diameter	Inner volume	Mouthpiece size	Weight
		25 mm			

Description



The Sommap Lagon C (English: Lagoon) snorkel is contoured to fit the user's facial profile and consists of a shorter and wider curved barrel connected to a rubber mouthpiece (left). The qualifier "C" in the snorkel's name probably stands for "caoutchouc" (English: rubber).

The Lagon C has a high visibility top and a durable connector for fastening the snorkel to a mask strap. The barrel is available in light blue, grey, yellow, black and green. A version rebadged as a Pro-Dive Large Bore Rubber Snorkel (right) for the New Zealand market has a black barrel.



Antecedents

Although a contoured snorkel was invented in the early 1960s, diving equipment manufacturers first pursued this breathing tube design in earnest during the 1970s.



In 1963, Dacor introduced its Model GST Wrap-Around Big Barrel Snorkel (left), as "the first major improvement in snorkel concept and design in many years." The "Wrap Around" design "fits contour of head and minimises water resistance while diving." The barrel's shorter length and wider bore eased breathing and water clearance. By 1968, a patent was "pending."

US Patent 3603306 was granted in September 1971 to Dick Bonin of Scubapro for an improved snorkel "shaped and designed to fit closely to the face of the wearer whereby viscous drag is minimised." The Scubapro Wrap Around Jet Snorkel (right), whose barrel also had a wider bore, carried these improvements into effect.

