



## WHAT GEAR DO I NEED FOR SNORKELLING

The basic gear for snorkelling is the following:

- Mask
- Snorkel
- Fins
- Rashguard (optional)

### MASKS

Masks are divided into two types

- (i) Two glasses – the so called “low volume”



- (ii) One glass



The first type, with two glasses, is very popular because it is easier to clear the water when the mask is filled with water.

The next differentiation of the mask is the material they are made of:

- (i) Silicone (clear or black)  
(ii) Rubber

**HOW TO CLEAR THE MASK FROM WATER:** (1) You press the mask in the middle of the eyes, above the nose and blow your nose lifting slightly the lower part of the mask pushing the water out of the mask or (2) Hold the mask with both your hands from your temples, you blow your nose and at the same time lift up slightly the lower part of the mask pushing the water out of the mask.

## **SNORKELS**

Snorkels are divided into basically two types:

(i) Basic type



When using this type of snorkel you need more effort to remove the water from the mouthpiece because you have to blow with more force the water out of the tube of the snorkel up to the top part of it.

(ii) With purge valve



When using this type of snorkel you need less effort to remove the water from the mouthpiece because some quantity of water will be blown out from the purge

non return valve which is placed next to the mouthpiece and therefore blow water out with less force than from the first type of snorkel, for the rest of the water to go out of the tube of the snorkel up to the top of part of it.

## FINS

Fins are divided into basically two types:

(a) Closed Type (full pocket or fullfoot)



These are worn with bare feet. These are worn both by scuba divers and snorkelers.

(b) Open Heel



Open Heel fins are type of fins that are worn literally by scuba divers only and have to be worn together with boots.

However, there are some type of open heel fins which can be worn by snorkelers too – they are very soft on the heel and do not need to use boots; they can be used with bare feet.