

diving," what do you picture? Maybe someone wearing flippers, big goggles, or a tank on their back? We've got Jacques Cousteau to thank for that!

> As a young boy growing up in France, Jacques liked to swim. During a period of time where he was swimming daily, Jacques's friend let him borrow a pair

underwater was a gamechanger!

Jacques's interest in underwater exploration grew from there. At that time, scuba diving equipment as we know it had not yet been invented. Portable breathing tanks were just being experimented with, and you couldn't stay underwater long.

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That changed in 1943, with the "Aqua-Lung." With the help of engineer Émile Gagnan, Jacques invented a breathing tank that could be worn on a diver's back for a long period of time. The "Aqua-Lung" device is still used today! Jacques helped invent other useful diving gear like underwater cameras, too. He wrote a book and made documentaries all about the adventures of underwater research. Jacques's work introduced the world to ocean life, all thanks to a special scuba tank!



Jacques' Aqua-Lung

