

## Scubapro Seawing Nova

**THE THEORY:** Manufactured out of Monprene, a thermoplastic elastomer, the Seawing is effectively a foot pocket and blade joined together by an articulated hinge affair. In theory, the entire wing-shaped blade flexes on the down stroke when power from the leg is applied, then is designed to snap back into place on the upwards stroke, releasing a propulsive force that thrusts you through the water. In effect this fin is designed for top speed but also claims to be manoeuvrable at low speed and suitable for both frog and reverse kicks. Most of the fin is made of the same material with the exception of the sole which has grip pads designed to provide non-slip footing on slippery dive decks. The straps are self-adjusting and are made from marine-grade bungee with a generous finger loop for efficient donning and doffing.

**REAL WORLD:** These fins are quite a bit different from both split and conventional blade fins. They propel you through the water without too much effort. It's not that you get especially quick acceleration but something more akin to a turbo boost after each fin stroke. The finning action feels completely different yet comfortable, and I got the impression you could carry out lengthy dives without getting sore muscles, but at the same time not be compromised in a strong current. The bungee straps are a delight to use, and even when wearing thick gloves and with numb fingers they were easy to remove.

COMPANY: Scubapro PRICE: £135

WEB: [www.scubapro.com](http://www.scubapro.com) RATING: 88%

