

Aboriginal Circle

DIVE INTO THE UNDERSEA WORLD

At 12 years old, Phil Nuytten, a Métis born in Manitoba, became fascinated by the undersea world when he first visited the Vancouver aquarium. Following that visit, he wanted to watch the millions of fish, shells and other aquatic wonders in their natural habitat. Unfortunately, diving equipment was expensive and not very functional at the time, some 50 years ago.



He then decided to create his own underwater exploration equipment. He was 15 years old when he invented the Newtsuit™, a very practical diving suit. This invention made him well-equipped to undertake exciting underwater expeditions!

Phil worked at many jobs that were helpful in creating his inventions, such as designer, draftsman, machine operator, welder and photographer. He designed several small submarines (like the super Newtsub Deepworker™) and various other rescue vehicles. The Exosuit™ diving suit is his most fascinating invention. When wearing this comfortable suit, Phil can dive to depths of up to 200 metres for eight hours non-stop!

Today, at the age of 60, Phil Nuytten is known around the world for his brilliant inventions.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

Did you know who created the Jolly Jumper™? This invention comes from Olivia Poole, an Aboriginal woman and mother of seven children who lives in British Columbia. You probably played in a Jolly Jumper™ when you were small. It is a swing for very young children that was used inside the home because it has a harness that attaches to the ceiling. For more information, check out the following Web sites:



The Exosuit™: www.nuytco.com/exosuit.html

The Jolly Jumper™: www.interlog.com/~womenip/tt/rc9.html

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