



SAILFISH KUALA ROMPIN

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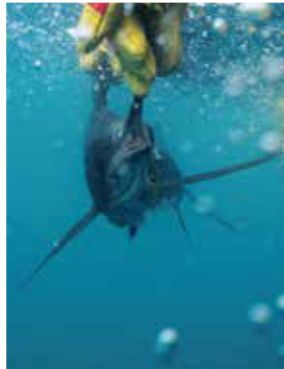
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The new town is small and compact, and has a couple of filling stations, five to six rows of shop houses, a small bus station and a couple of local, open-style restaurants.

The town is small and quiet and easy to walk around. There is no night life as such, no bars or clubs-but some local open coffee shops sell beer and there is a wine/cigar shop. A few hotels exist within a 5 to 15km radius of the town and these range up to possibly 3 star level.

We, however, prefer to stay at the local riverside chalets. These are clean, have attached bathroom and air-conditioning and are only a minute walk from a good restaurant and one minute-walk from the jetty where we board our boats. There's nothing nicer than sitting in the open with a cold drink and good food on a balmy tropical evening.

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It is difficult to describe something that, until you have been there and seen/done it yourself, is almost beyond comprehension. The clear, azure waters off Kuala Rompin boast one of the world's great angling secrets.

And it is still a relatively unknown destination for the Indo-Pacific Sailfish. The season runs from around mid-March to early November each year. At certain times, the Sails congregate in such numbers that daily double figures catches are the norm. However, not every day is Christmas, but all in all you would be most unlucky if you don't get a couple, at least!

Other species include the Black Marlin (mainly juveniles but the odd 100kg specimen comes up now and then), Cobia, Dorado (Mahi-mahi), Barracuda, Narrow-barred Mackerel, GT and other Trevally species, and bottom-fishing Snappers, Groupers and Parrotfish.

The Sailfish of Kuala Rompin are not monsters as such, but average around the 25kg to 55kg mark. That being said we landed a 71kg sailfish in 2015 and a 74kg sailfish in 2017 - decent fish in any language.

The thrill, however, is in that first run when 200 to 300 metres of line can strip off at 100km per hour! And then that first leap, and maybe a tail walk as well - an awesome sight!

Boats are 34 footers with twin 150hp outboard engines and plenty of shade. All quality fishing tackle is included in our package. Please check out our website for further details.

