

# Cherry Poppers

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July 16<sup>th</sup> was wet wet wet during the drive from Singapore to Rompin, the Sailfish capital of the World. We were all worried about the effects of Typhoon Conson hitting Kuala Rompin.

After a good dinner at our favourite sea food restaurant, the four of us, Campbell from Melbourne, Glenn from Sydney, AJ from South Africa and yours truly, we checked into the River Chalets. The immediate 1<sup>st</sup> impressions for my Aussie visitors were WOW! Paradise!! as the scene of the setting sun on Rompin River, the jetty with the boats just took their breath away. They fell in love with the place and even without fishing, promised to return in October...THIS year....





The morning of the 17<sup>th</sup> turn out lovely, cloudy with only a stiff 10 knot breeze...

We had 3 boats for the weekend, with 13 fishing. Captains rushed to get the boats ready while we had a leisurely breakfast basking in the morning sun. Action started at 9am, fishing for bait, tambans, selars were plenty

Cruising for another 45 minutes at 25 knots, we hit the sail water, looking for birds...our main sail spotters, and 3 lines with loaded hooks hit the water...eyes scanning the horizon for the first sign of sails

Suddenly, the 1<sup>st</sup> reel started clicking...SAIL! and Glenn grabbed his Sautiga 4500 and within seconds, the line was zipping out of the spool....count 10 and drag was set and SAIL ON!!!



The 1<sup>st</sup> jump had the sail right out of the water...we could see the magnificent flash of blue of the angry sail. Glenn was grinning from ear to ear, fighting the sail which had swam 200meters within a few seconds...several more jumps and 40 minutes later, the sail was next to the boat. I managed to leader it after 3 tries and Glenn was all ready for his 1<sup>st</sup> photos of his 1<sup>st</sup> sail.....happy Aussie.

Campbell and AJ had a double hook up and as the 2 sails crossed behind the boat, the sailfish tango started with both huge guys dancing on the deck untangling the lines.





The 1<sup>st</sup> day, we managed to land 5 sails, and on Sunday 6 sails and the best was on Monday where our single boat landed 7 sails. The visitors were amazed with the sailfish, the numbers and the sizes and the action..

They have fished all over the world, from Abu Dhabi, Africa, to Australia and they have never seen so much action. Booking were immediately made and they will all be back this October and definitely bringing their friends in 2011.



This weekend was organised by Hook on C Adventures, available on [www.hookoncadventures.com](http://www.hookoncadventures.com)

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