

Sailfish success unexpected

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AN ANNA Bay fisherman got more than he bargained for when he entered an international gamefish tournament in Malaysia.

Nick Brown, 38, travelled to Malaysia in August to take up a spot in team two for HookonC Adventures, joining his long-time friends Kenny Lee and Byron Gardiner - who both live in Singapore.

Little did Mr Brown expect to be among the winning team to take out the \$5000 Royal Pahang Billfish International tournament and secure an invitation to the 2010 world championships in Mexico. The team split the prizes and are unsure whether they will take up the world championships invitation.

Mr Brown is a regular to the Port's waterways and has some gamefish experience but the Royal Pahang Billfish tournament was the first

competition he has entered.

"I don't do any game fish stuff or fishing tournaments," he said.

"I do it [fishing] just for fun really.

"I still can't believe we've won."

The two-day tag and release competition saw 42 teams enter and more than 100 participants. Mr Brown's team, which included local skipper Ahping, caught ten sailfish the first day and seven the second day.

"The main purpose of the trip for me was to enjoy the sensational sailfishing in the waters off Kuala Rompin, Malaysia," Mr Brown said.

"Winning the competition was an added bonus."

Mr Brown said he plans on returning to the competition.

SENSATIONAL: Nick Brown with team mate Kenny Lee. - *Picture by Nick Brown*

