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THE OCEAN BLUE CONNECTION

Rompin Sailfish's Window To The World



Early October will witness another batch of foreigners arriving at Kuala Rompin, a name which has gradually and steadily gained recognition in the regional sportfishing front as one of the best sailfish destinations in the world.

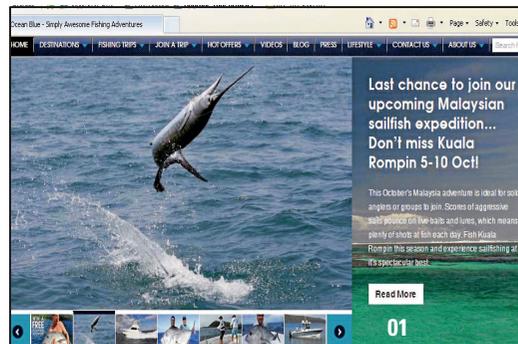
T heir arrival is made possible by the effort of an Australian sportfishing company, Ocean Blue, which has been very aggressive in discovering and promoting new sportfishing destinations in the Pacific, one of which happens to be Kuala Rompin.

Given the increasing attention given by Tourism Malaysia, the complementary effort of Ocean Blue would be instrumental in 'selling' the Rompin sailfish to the world at large, and thus placing Malaysia on the worldwide fishing map, and hopefully, will be of help to conserve this rich marine resources, which is currently under threat from commercial fishermen.



Track records

Ocean Blue was established in 1993 by Anthony Pisano who had operated Vanuatu's first professional charter company for 13 years. He now runs the Ocean Blue office in Sydney, Australia, and has been instrumental in the



company's expansion into new and exciting destinations. He is assisted by David Noble and Angele Pisano who handle marketing and communication matters in Ocean Blue's Sydney office. Its business in Asia, including various destinations in Malaysia, notably Kuala Rompin, is currently handled by Rob Chang who operates the Ocean Blue office in Singapore. Being multi-lingual, Rob is an asset when the customers comprise different nationals.

Ocean Blue's other team members include established skippers and anglers such as Andrea Traverso, Juannick Laurent, Etienne Picquel, Olivier Quach, Mark Armistead, Piero Piva, etc.

- 01.** Ocean Blue website featuring its latest trip to Kuala Rompin.
- 02.** Close frantic encounter with the splashy kind.
- 03/04.** Happy anglers off Kuala Rompin.
- 05.** Rob Chang, based in Singapore, handles Ocean Blue's expeditions to Kuala Rompin.
- 06/07/08.** New Caledonia, a popping paradise renowned for its GTs.



Fishing Destinations

The company specializes in all types of fishing throughout the Pacific, notably the following destinations:

- Vanuatu, renowned for its wild dogtooth tuna and most consistent game fishing for blue marlin
- New Caledonia, an all-year-round pelagic paradise renowned for its monster Giant Trevally, Bone Fish, etc.
- Fiji, renowned for its world class sport & game fishing for a variety of species
- New Zealand, renowned for its yellow tail kingfish
- Malaysia, renowned for its sailfish double hook-ups



Promoting Rompin Sailing

According to Rob Chang, he has been bringing customers to fish the Sails in Rompin since 2005. Representing Ocean Blue Fishing in Asia, he has brought many customers from Australia over the years to fish Rompin.

Of late, Ocean Blue has done a few magazine write ups and publications on Rompin Sailfishing in Australia with Bluewater Magazine and most recently on Modern Fishing magazine. Much has been done by the company to make Rompin famous, which is well known now, he added.

09/10/11. Fiji offers a full range of tropical sport fishing for a variety of species.

12/13/14. New Zealand is famed for its Kingfish which can be tackled on topwater lures.

15/16. The deep warm tropical waters around the Vanuatu islands are home to big pelagic game fishes.



Rob also hopes to bring local anglers to venture into exciting overseas destinations, such as New Caledonia (for monster GT popping/Jigging), Fiji (for Popping and Jigging), New Zealand (for topwater Yellowtail Kingfish) and Vanuatu (for popping, jigging and game fishing). **RL**

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