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## SAIL OF THE CENTURY

**ONE FISHING TRIP** that has stuck in my mind over the years of travel was not a trip catching the biggest fish of my life, not even the hardest fight of my life, but one such trip where I had the chance to get up close and personal with my quarry. While fishing and filming in Costa Rica for sailfish for some strange reason I had the desire to get in the water with one of the fish I had just landed. Donning nothing more than a pair of fins, I held on to the bill as its huge tail started to power us both off into the deep blue abyss. The sight of this mighty creature beside me, in the relative silence of the open ocean, was a strange feeling. Unfortunately, due to a lack of breath it was time to let go and watch her gently glide away from me – a memory that will live with me forever. ■

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