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Black Female Fishing Team Earns Historic Win in First Tournament

The Ebony Anglers took First Place in the King Mackerel division of Carteret Community College Foundation's Spanish Mackerel & Dolphin Tournament in Morehead City, NC this past weekend. The competitive women's fishing team, established in the Triangle area, reeled in a 48lb. King Mackerel, earning them a coveted citation from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. The award recognizes anglers for their outstanding recreational catches of fish most commonly caught in North Carolina.

The tournament was the team's first competition as professional anglers. They will move on to compete in additional events throughout 2021 leading up to their ultimate goal, to compete in the Big Rock/ Blue Marlin Fishing Tournament in June 2021.

Ebony Anglers are five professional Black women who embrace the sport of competitive fishing while balancing family, motherhood, and business. Their mission is:

- To impact the sport of competitive women's fishing through the diversity and inclusion of female anglers of color.
- To create/build an elevated lifestyle brand anchored in nautical sportsmanship and fine outdoor living.
- To model the strength, balance and resilience of Black women through the sport of competitive fishing, boating and elevated outdoor living.
- To establish a legacy of leadership, sportsmanship and excellence for youth through education and mentoring.

Ebony Anglers was the idea of Durham salon owner and Team Captain **Gia Peebles (@giachevelle)** after observing an opportunity for female anglers of color during the Big Rock Fishing Tournament in Beaufort, NC this past June. Rounding out the team are:

- Educator and Festival Owner **Lesleigh Mausi, (@lesleighmausi)**
- Nail Tech Entrepreneur **Glenda Turner, (@perfectlypolishedbyglenda)**
- Digital Marketing Specialist & Editorial Model, **Bobbiette the Brand (@bobbiette)**
- Gourmet Catering Company owner **Tiana Davis, (@tianas_story)**

Ebony Anglers honor a deep commitment to youth engagement through their annual educational initiatives **Black Girls Fish (#BlackGirlsFish) (BGF)** and **Black Boys Boat (#BlackBoysBoat)**, whose missions are:

- To share with (and develop in) youth an appreciation and agility for fishing (and boating) as an outdoor sporting lifestyle.
- To educate youth in the fundamentals of fishing (and boating), both as a sport and as a lifestyle.
- To empower youth with life skills that promote self-sufficiency, physical and intellectual fortitude and sound leadership values.

For more information on and events featuring the Ebony Anglers, visit www.ebonyanglers.com and @ebonyanglers on Instagram and Facebook.

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