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**From:** D John McCarthy <djohnmccarthy@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 11:15 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Subject: I Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance, Committe,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to RI waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy.

I am a resident of Massachusetts but keep my boat in Newport. I bought the boat in Portsmouth, RI and spend a lot of time and money in RI on my boat. I buy boating supplies, sails, dock fees, meals, etc in RI. Even though my boat is a Coast Guard documented yacht I still get state registration for it as I think it is only fair that I do.

Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,  
D. John McCarthy  
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