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**From:** Deb Harris <debharrisdvm@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Don't tax boats!

Rhode Island has a large boating industry, befitting "The Ocean State". It is also one of the most internationally renowned destinations in the world. When you say "Newport" to a cruising or racing sailor, you don't have to qualify that. No one thinks of Virginia.

This is a vital part of our economy, our history, and our culture.

This attempt at yet another tax is seen as hostile to the boating community. Since excise taxes were dropped on automobiles, why would you now turn around and tax boats?

I strongly oppose these measures, again.

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Sent from my iPhone