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**From:** Elizabeth Isdale <elizabethisdale@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 11:11 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and a proud member of the marine-related workforce, I am writing to express my **strong opposition to H6256**.

Reinstating a tax on boats would have serious consequences for our state. It would drive boaters and marine-related businesses out of Rhode Island, threaten local jobs, and harm a vital sector of our economy. This proposal undermines the very identity of the Ocean State.

It's important to note that many of the bill's sponsors represent districts with little to no access to waterways or marine industries. Their constituents will not feel the brunt of this legislation, unlike those of us who live and work in districts where boating and marine businesses are essential.

Consider the following sponsoring districts:

- **HD-008, HD-013, HD-003, HD-007, HD-009** – No waterways or boating access.
- **HD-016, HD-061** – Only small ponds.
- **HD-058** – Limited small boat access via the Blackstone River.
- **HD-006** – Minimal access via a short stretch of the Woonasquatucket River and a few small ponds.

This is not a balanced or equitable proposal. It disproportionately affects districts that rely heavily on Rhode Island's marine economy while sparing those with no stake in it.

**Please vote NO on H6256.** Let's keep Rhode Island's marine industry afloat.

Sincerely,  
Liz  
Lives in Narragansett  
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