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**From:** George Harrington <gharrinto@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 9:46 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat Tax

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats will drive both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threaten local jobs and negatively impact our economy. The personal impact will be huge and personally will prevent me from owning a boat. The costs that Boater's face have more than tripled. I can barely afford keeping my boat in the water. The increases in taxes and valuations in EP and these increased costs are literally making it barely able for me to remain in the state where I love. If we do institute taxes I can no longer travel on the water and will need to pull and sell my boat. My one joy.

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

Sincerely,

George Harrington, Jr.  
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