

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I respectfully urge you to oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats would significantly burden everyday Rhode Islanders, potentially pricing many of us out of the water and undermining our longstanding maritime culture.

This proposed legislation risks driving both recreational boaters and marine-related businesses to neighboring states with more favorable policies. The resulting exodus could threaten local jobs, reduce tourism, and weaken the broader economic ecosystem that depends on a vibrant marine industry.

Please vote NO on H6256. Let us continue to support and grow Rhode Island's marine economy—not sink it.

Sincerely,

Hugh Meier.