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**From:** Jameson Antaya <jamesonantaya@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 12:19 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 Don't Tax Boats

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.

Additionally my family and friends rely heavily on the marine industry in Rhode Island. I personally repair and maintain classic wooden boats. My fateher and I are also in the process of starting a small classic charter business. This tax will add an additional cost to the already high cost of doing business. It is important that the state of Rhode Island does what it can to help GROW the long standing recreational marine industry in our state, not hinder it with additional costs.

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

Sincerely,

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