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**From:** John Cumming <jcumming1@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:19 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256 - Don't Tax Boats - one of the Ocean States most important assets!

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a longtime Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

I understand the pressures of developing a balanced budget, but the Ocean State's boating prominence should not be one of the Committee's targets for increasing revenue. Furthermore, reinstating a tax on boats will drive both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threaten local jobs and negatively impact our economy.

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

Sincerely,

Jay Cumming  
Barrington, RI