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Repealing the exemption for boat tax would devastate the marine industry here in Rhode Island and push boat work to other states if there is no incentive to use the RI yards.

These boat owners support our local economy in a huge way - just think of the dollars that are spent here for just one Newport to Bermuda race! These boats are not just supporting the marine stores. They are in the shops, restaurants, hotels, historical sights, flower shops, attorneys, marinas, city moorings, and it goes on and on.

We are the ocean state, let's keep it that way and support the marine industry.

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