

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** David Raposa <davidr137@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:44 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

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.

Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.  
Sincerely,  
David Raposa  
Coventry, RI

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**From:** Sandra Rosser <srosserpsyd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:43 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Bill NO H6256

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.

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

Sincerely,  
Dr. Sandra Rosser  
North Kingstown, RI 02852

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Sandra S. Rosser, PsyD

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**From:** Sean R <srosser02@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:41 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No taxes on boating

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.

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

Sincerely,

Sean Rosser  
21 Eagle Dr  
North Kingstown RI 02852

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**From:** marc renaghan <marc.renaghan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:40 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256 opposition

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.

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

Sincerely,

Marc Renaghan

Charlestown, RI

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**From:** Tim Reed <timreed@nehomedesign.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:28 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No 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.

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

Sincerely,  
Tim Reed  
Bristol, RI

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Sean R <srosser02@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:27 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No to taxes on boats !

Boating is one of the states growth industries. Don't kill the goose!

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**From:** Tim Reed <timreed@nehomedesign.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:26 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** NO BOAT TAX

I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposed boat tax. I expect you to do everything possible to keep it from being enacted. The citizens of Rhode Island are over taxed as it is, perhaps you need to trim the budget instead of increasing taxes.

Tim Reed  
401-441-8069

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** RAYMOND RENAUD <raymondrenaud@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:21 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat tax

The elimination of the boat tax was done to promote one of the few industries we have a natural resource for. It worked; don't mess it up. Think long term.

Ray Renaud

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**From:** Kathy Rotsky <heintz0057@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:08 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** NO BOAT TAX PLEASE

Our boating industry is struggling now and the last thing we need is a boat tax. I hope you would consider a tax incentive for first time boat owners. It would be a great way to bring younger people into boat ownership.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kathy Rotsky

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**From:** Mary Ann Rosenlof <marosenlof@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:22 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Please NO 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.

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

Sincerely,

Rob and Mary Ann Rosenlof  
Barrington, RI

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** David Resare <david.resare@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:14 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

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

*Sincerely,*

David Resare  
Bristol

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**From:** Mike Richardson <richardsonskitchenandbar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:16 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry. Sincerely, [Your Name] [Your Town]

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**From:** DAVID RAY <dwarrenray@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:19 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Cc:** Rep. Carson, Lauren H.  
**Subject:** Tax

Bruce Sundlun tax policy was brilliant and led to a thriving industry that, for the most part, hadn't existed in RI for many years.....as a bonus thousands of boats are now registered in Rhode Island rather than Delaware with RI painted on their transoms....small floating billboards traveling around the world.

Please vote NO on bill H6256.

Sincerely,  
David W. Ray

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**From:** jrdds82@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:00 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a citizen of Rhode Island, I strongly oppose H6256.

And you should too.

Citizens of this State fully understand the fiscal responsibility of the legislature to establish revenue sources through which all the services we require and enjoy as Rhode Islanders can be funded. Some of these services are to support citizens in need and low income families with necessary assistance in their daily lives. Other services are crucial to the general well-being of our community. Funding the police and fire departments are good examples. Still other financial obligations include managing the many things we take for granted in our State such as our maintaining the State House, keeping Benefit Street and other historic districts intact, and caring for our beaches and tourist attractions. Each statewide service and expense has an associated value and cost which necessitates discussion and debate in order for our government to determine how to best service its constituents. Similarly, most funded services have their supporters and their detractors, and bill H6256 may be the best example of that.

Those that support the idea of changing the current laws to now tax the boating industry view this as a lifestyle issue. For many uninformed Rhode Islanders, adding a sales tax on boat sales as well as some sort of property tax seems like an obvious source of revenue to be imposed on wealthy individuals who can clearly support the less fortunate. This idea demonstrates an incredibly poor understanding of the significance of the boating industry in The Ocean State.

First, it is important to recognize that the Rhode Island boating industry is not populated by some elite exclusive group of wealthy individuals. According to "GetMyBoat" we have an amazing 10.6 boats registered for every 100 residents. Compare that to Massachusetts with 6.3, Connecticut with 2.6, or Florida with 7.7 boats per resident. And while some of our boat owners may be considered "wealthy", the vast majority of boats in Rhode Island are owned by middle income residents. A large portion of boats are simply used in the work force such as quahog skiffs and small fishing boats to support our aquaculture, food industries, or recreational sport fishing businesses.

Actual boat sales and boat ownership are a small part of the overall marine industry in Rhode Island yet the effect of these is felt throughout the State. The marine trade industry comprises 1712 marine related firms generating \$2.649 billion in annual gross sales and employing 13,337 people or nearly 5% of our overall economy. Consider the effect of the annual four day Newport International Boat Show in September as an example. This event attracts more than 40,000 people each year with the majority coming from out of state. According to Performance Research, the 2022 Boat Show had an economic impact of \$26.1 million for Newport County alone. Tourism in Rhode Island is directly related to boating in our state and generates approximately \$8.3 billion in sales encompassing direct visitor spending, employment, and tax revenues of which 65% is derived from marine related activities. And 12.9% of all jobs in the state are from the tourism sector.

In summary, according to ChatGPT, the 1993 law eliminating taxation on boats resulted in the following:

1. Boat sales in RI increased significantly as the state became more competitive with Massachusetts and Connecticut.
2. RI developed a reputation as a tax friendly place for boat owners attracting out of state customers.
3. This growth stimulated related sectors like boat manufacturing, maintenance, storage, marinas, and other marine related services.
4. Companies like Maritime Skiff and Hunt Yachts relocated to RI from Massachusetts citing the favorable tax policy.
5. While the state forfeited direct sales tax on boats, it gained indirect revenue through increased income taxes from new marine related jobs, corporate taxes, and other consumer spending in the marine field.
6. Marine businesses reported longer term commitments to RI through investments in infrastructure and facilities.
7. RI's policy created a competitive edge in the Northeast and helped attract high-value boating clients who often keep their boats docked in RI and spend dollars on high-end marine services.

8. The economic benefits of the tax change in 1993 outweighed the loss through job creation, business growth, and broader economic stimulation. The policy is widely considered a success in the marine sector.

Eliminating sales tax on boats in RI was one of the smartest, pro-Rhode Island Acts ever put before the legislature. H6256 could be one of the dumbest and most shortsighted. Please consider how the "no sales tax on boat sales" has distinguished our state in the eyes of the international yachting community and complements the unique geography and beauty of Rhode Island. More importantly, the average Rhode Islander has an important relationship with Narragansett Bay including all the activities, both recreational and commercial, which not only fund our coffers, but also our Rhode Island spirit and heritage.

Please vote in favor of our Rhode Island culture and economy by voting **NO on H6256**.

Very truly yours,

John T A Romano, DDS

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**From:** Megan Roach <meganeroach@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:12 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Please Vote No on H6256

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.

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

Sincerely,

Megan  
Bristol, RI

**Megan Roach**  
[meganeroach@gmail.com](mailto:meganeroach@gmail.com)



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**From:** Steve Riley <sjrile@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:58 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Send H6256.to Committee Forever

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, negatively impact our economy and unnecessarily burden Rhode Islanders with another tax.

Please vote NO on H6256. Don't blemish our Ocean State name with a truly ironic tax.

Sincerely,  
Steven J. Riley  
Coventry, RI

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Andrew Roberts <andyrobs65@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:21 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

I have advised my son not to buy and keep a boat in Rhode Island due to the proposed annual property tax which adds thousands of dollars over the years to the cost of ownership.

There are better states to keep a boat.

Has anyone calculated how much money the state loses when a boater no longer spends on fuel, slip, storage, repairs and supplies in Rhode Island? For example, When a boat owner stops spending \$10,000 a year on boating, the state loses 7% in corporate income tax, sales taxes and fuel taxes.

All you people do is look at ways to make more taxes instead of reducing costs.  
When you did the luxury tax on boats it nearly killed the industry.

Andrew Roberts  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Beth Runci <bethrunci@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:29 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Cc:** Chris Runci  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 and Protect Rhode Island's Marine Economy

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and constituent, I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 6256. Reinstating a sales tax on boats and related services would significantly impact everyday Rhode Islanders by making boat ownership less accessible and placing unnecessary strain on a vital sector of our economy.

This proposal would drive boaters and marine businesses to neighboring states with more favorable tax policies, resulting in the loss of jobs and revenue across our coastal communities. The current exemption has helped build a thriving marine industry that benefits marinas, service providers, local clubs and waterfront towns alike.

Please vote no on H6256 and continue to support Rhode Island's marine economy.

Respectfully yours,  
Beth Runci

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**From:** Vincent Ritter <vrinc25@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:48 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Concern

Hell;

Please do not place a tax on Boats it will hurt the economy even further than it already is. The boating industry provides multiple jobs and a hefty tax will cause many boaters to give up the sport. This will cause less needed employment and loss of revenue that can be shared in the community.

**Thank You!**  
Vincent Ritter ...

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**From:** John Rainone <liltootcharter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 6:27 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
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Sincerely,  
Steven J. Riley  
Coventry, RI

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**From:** John Regan <jack.regan18@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 8:20 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Cc:** Joan M. Regan  
**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 hurt all Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state; threatening local jobs; and negatively impacting our economy.

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

Sincerely,

John Regan  
Jamestown, RI

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**From:** Michael Reid <mjres4cue@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:31 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

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

*Sincerely,  
Michael Reid  
Cumberland*



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**From:** Christian Ranney <ranneyc128@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:17 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on H6256

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.

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

Sincerely,

Christian Ranney  
Narragansett, RI

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**From:** Paul Redman <pwredman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:34 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** NO on H6256

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.

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

Thank you

Paul Redman  
77 Cushman Avenue  
East Providence, RI

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**From:** Thomas Rich <trich@shmarinas.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:22 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy.

I was one of the owners of New England Boatworks when the federal luxury tax almost killed the entire marine industry, in our state and others. Then Governor Sundlun had the foresight to work towards the removal of the tax. He was successful and our company along with numerous others prospered and employed many many people bringing good paying jobs and out of state dollars to Rhode Island.

We have proven over the years that the removal of sale tax on Boats has proven very effective for the entire state. Last time we had to fight this bad idea I ran into the owner of the local Hertz car rental business. It was mid-May I asked him how business was he said horrible as the weather has bend bad and the big Yachts have not been able to get here yet. The Yachts represented a very large percentage of his business and paid taxes on the rentals. To me this is a typical example of how removing the tax on boats has benefited our state. These boats will not pay the tax and will find other places to call home.

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

Sincerely,

Tom Rich

Portsmouth, RI



**Thomas Rich**  
Project Development Director  
Safe Harbor New England Boatworks  
O: (401) 683-4000

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**From:** Michael Raimondo <michael@uselectric.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:24 AM  
**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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy.

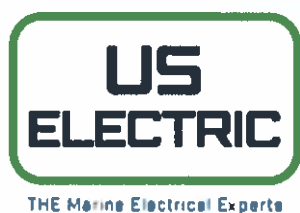
Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]  
[Your Town]

Best wishes,  
MJR

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**From:** Mark Reitman <1126rudy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:53 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee

Dear House Finance Committee,

As an RI boater, 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. Please vote NO on H6256 and don't sink RI's marine industry.

Thank you,  
Mark Reitman  
Newport, RI

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**From:** Shaye Rooney <shayerooney@cfcri.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:15 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Cc:** Fred Mattera  
**Subject:** House Bill 6256 Comments  
**Attachments:** CFCRI Comment Letter House Bill 6256.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find the attached comments to House Bill No. 6256 from the East Farm Commercial Fisheries Center. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,

Shaye Rooney  
Commercial Fisheries Center of RI  
[shayerooney@cfcri.org](mailto:shayerooney@cfcri.org)  
(401) 316-0081

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Kurt Rauschenbach <kurt@rauschenbach.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:00 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

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

THIS IS A REALLY BAD IDEA AND WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF REVENUE. REMEMBER THE LUXURY TAX IN THE 1990s!!! IT DESTROYED THE INDUSTRY AND IT TOOK 30 YEARS TO COME BACK



**Kurt Rauschenbach, Ph.D.**

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**From:** PAUL RICHARD <paul.richard@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:01 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,

Paul Richard  
Jamestown



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**From:** John Ratcliffe <jratcliffe@prrlc.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:02 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

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.

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

Sincerely,

John Ratcliffe

Warren, RI

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**From:** Vin Ratford <vratford@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:11 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** I strongly oppose H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and boat owner, 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. I relocated to Rhode Island from California because of the beautiful Narragansett Bay and the lack of taxes here on boats. I spend large sums to maintain and operate my boat.

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

Sincerely,  
Vincent Ratford  
Town of Bristol

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**From:** Lincoln Ross <lincolnross100@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:12 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Please don't reinstate taxes on Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Boating is a critical industry and recreational pass time for RI. Boating should be accessible to the average Rhode Islander.

In recent years hedge funds have been buying up marinas, raising prices and restrictions on boat owners who do their own maintenance. This having a significant impact on the affordability for middle class family's.

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 and recreational boating.

Thank you,  
Lincoln Ross  
Life long boater in RI

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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Mike Rock <mroccap@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:07 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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Sincerely,

Mike Roccapriore  
860.558.1062

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**From:** Ken Redman <ken.redman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:07 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry. Sincerely, Kenneth J Redman, Town of Coventry.

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Alex Reis <alex.guedes.reis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:03 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat tax

Good afternoon,

Please do not add another tax on our recreational activities.

We work so hard to make some money, pay income tax on our salary to afford some fun.

Than, when you finally save enough to buy a boat, we get taxed again to have it?

It's too much

Please don't do that to the people

Thank you,

Alexandre Reis

Tiverton, RI

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Jessica Raymond <jessicar@bristolmarine.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:23 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.

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

Sincerely,  
Jessica Raymond  
North Providence

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Zach Rivers <zrivers1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:22 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 save our boating industry

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.

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

Sincerely,  
*Zach Rivers*  
401-595-9709

*PO Box 964*  
*Bristol, RI 02809*

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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** M Reynolds <mreyno7196@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:37 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 and Protect Rhode Island's Marine Economy

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and constituent, I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 6256. Reinstating a sales tax on boats and related services would significantly impact everyday Rhode Islanders by making boat ownership less accessible and placing unnecessary strain on a vital sector of our economy.

This proposal would drive boaters and marine businesses to neighboring states with more favorable tax policies, resulting in the loss of jobs and revenue across our coastal communities. The current exemption has helped build a thriving marine industry that benefits marinas, service providers, local clubs, and waterfront towns alike.

Please vote no on H6256 and continue to support Rhode Island's marine economy.

Sincerely,

Michael Reynolds  
Warwick, RI

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Kyle Ruggieri <kjruggieri@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:40 AM  
**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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy.

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

Sincerely,

Kyle Ruggieri  
Barrington, RI

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** tonya ricketts <canvasladysews@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:21 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island Marine Business owner of 25 years, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy.

We are blessed to live in this State. Our waters bring many people to this state who enjoy spending time on the water. They come into ports and spend money into our economy. You may think that only rich people can afford boats--and those people should be taxed right? Well, I run a business that services boats with canvas and cushions for 25 years and while I have worked for the uber rich in Newport, I also work for the weekend warriors just trying to get out on the water with their families, charter business owners, yacht clubs, commercial fishermen and non profits with my work with the Sea Scouts --who have 2 sailboats...will you tax those kids too? This bill will greatly impact all those people and all the businesses like mine related to boating.

Our marine industry is hanging on right now --we have survived Covid only to be challenged with higher fuel costs, changing weather, the small local boat yards being bought up by large outside investors, tariffs, and a lack of younger people entering the trades. Now you want to add this BOAT Tax in again--which by the way, if you can remember--failed the last time! Please think about all the people's lives and livelihoods you will affect. I am looking ahead for my retirement later on down the road--but if this Bill goes through, I may just decide to retire early. Seriously!

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

Sincerely,  
Tonya L. Ricketts  
Owner, The Canvas Lady

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Eric Todd <ect6673mp@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:16 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose h6256

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.

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

Sincerely, Eric Todd little Compton RI

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Cheryl Rienzo <crienzo498@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:15 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Concerned Rhode Island Boater

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose House Bill 6256 and urge the committee to reject this bill. This tax would harm the marine industry, local businesses, and our boating community.

Regards,

Cheryl Rienzo

JYC Commodore/Fleet Captain/Race Committee Chairperson Commodore@jyc.org Sent from my iPhone

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** ben@rice.net  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 7:52 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

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

*Sincerely,*

Benjamin Rice  
46 West Cove Dr.  
N. Kingstown, RI 02852

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Jay Runci <jrunci72@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:22 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

Dear committee members,

Please vote no on H6256, as a boater in RI, it is already too expensive for regular citizens, please don't make it more difficult to enjoy our beautiful water ways.

Thank you,  
Jay Runci

Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Jeff Randol <jeffnrandol@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:32 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

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

*Best*

*Jeff Randol  
Jamestown, RI*



**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** christina <christina.rindone1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:25 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.

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

Christina Rindone

North Providence

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Edwin Rodriguez <edwinr05@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:18 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

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

Thank you!

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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Dan Richards <drich17@optonline.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:21 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

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

*Sincerely,*

*Dan Richards, Westerly*

Sent from my iPhone

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Larry Razza <larryrazza@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:46 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Vote NO on H6256

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... do you remember what happened to the boating industry back in 1991 with the Luxury Tax, it practically shut down the boating market!

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

Sincerely,  
Larry Razza  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Best Regards,  
Larry

Larry Razza

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**From:** David Reckdenwald <davereck64@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:44 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry. Sincerely, [Your Name] [Your Town]

David Reckdenwald  
115 Balsam Rd  
South Kingstown, RI 02879  
203-695-3271

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Dave Rogers <djerogers@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:44 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

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

*Sincerely,*

*Dave Rogers  
Cowesett, RI*

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Larry Riccitelli <larry.riccitelli@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 2:00 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy.

I'll be forced to sell my boat - and nobody will want to buy it. This is a DISASTER!

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

Sincerely,

Larry Riccitelli

Warwick

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Mick Roman <mickroman65@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:10 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

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

*Sincerely, M.B. Roman Warwick*



**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** adam chaunceycreekboats.com <adam@chaunceycreekboats.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:35 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Vote no for H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Boat Builder and Rhode Island boater I strongly oppose House bill H6256. Rhode Island has a very strong marine industry, supported by tax laws that promote growth and stability. These new taxes remove that support and will incentives employers to move out of state and will certainly cause more boaters to keep their boats outside Rhode Island. No sales tax on boats in a big driver for people moving their boats to RI. This results in millions of dollars coming into the state through storage fees, yard bills, dockage slips, mooring fees, maitainance and repair service. Indirectly, it adds revenue to restaurants, shopping centers and local shops.

Please vote no on this bill. The state will lose more than it gains for this bill.

Thank you  
Adam Reed

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Brian Robert <brian.e.robert@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:47 AM  
**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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Robert  
Providence

Sent from my iPhone (401) 487-3814

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Fabiola Reis <fabiolagireis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:44 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256

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.

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

Sincerely,

Fabiola Reis  
Tiverton, RI

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** William Riordan <wriordan@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:48 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

*Dear House Finance Committee,*

*As a Massachusetts resident and a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

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

*Sincerely,  
Bill Riordan  
Upton MA*



Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Together we will keep  
Rhode Island a great place to boat!

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Richard Reich <rareich1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:39 AM  
**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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Reich  
Narragansett, RI

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** paul raterron <paul.raterron@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:43 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Concerned Rhode Island Boater

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose House Bill 6256 and urge the committee to reject this bill. This tax would harm the marine industry, local businesses, and our boating community.

Paul Raterron  
Jamestown, RI

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Christopher Rowbottom <crowbottom02@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 10:20 PM  
**Cc:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256

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.

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

Sincerely,

Chris

Massachusetts

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Eric Ross <oceankingri@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 5:10 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy.

Thank you,  
Eric Ross



Chris O'Brien

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**From:** David Rush <drush@wwois.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:13 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

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

Sincerely,  
[David Rush]  
[Warwick RI]

David Rush

General Manager  
Wide World of Indoor Sports  
North Kingstown, RI | 401.295.1234 Off / 401.481.5544 Cell



## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Theodore Romanosky <centralted@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:51 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat Tax

I for one am against this tax, the last time it devastated the industry.

Sincerely,

Theodore A Romanosky

25 Pine st.

North Kingstown, R.I. 02852

Sent from my iPhone

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Steven Ruhnke <rsteve57@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:45 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,  
Steven Ruhnke  
545 park ave  
Portsmouth, RI

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Jeffrey Rosow <cvhdentist@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:23 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** please vote no on bill H6256 - Don't tax boats!!

*Dear House Finance Committee,*

*As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

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

*Sincerely,*  
Jeffrey Rosow  
Tiverton RI

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** barryus490@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:24 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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy.

Please vote NO on H6256.

Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,

Barry Rideout  
Barrington, RI

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Gratitude <gratitude4849@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:21 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.*

*Rhode Island Marinas, mechanics, restaurants, stores have my business **\*because\*** of the sales tax exemption. If you start taxing boats and marina related businesses your economy will suffer **MORE** than what you will earn in tax.*

*Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

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

*Sincerely,*  
Roberto Rosa

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Becky Reo <rreo4@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:19 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256-don't tax boats

Sent from my iPhone *Dear House Finance Committee,*

*As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

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

*Sincerely,  
Rebecca Reo*

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Matthew Richardson <mattr401@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:18 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+hurt+everyday+Rhode+Islanders+by+pricing+us+out+of+access+to+our+waters,+driving+both+boaters+and+marine-related+businesses+out+of+state,+threatening+local+jobs+and+negatively+impacting+our+economy.

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

Sincerely,

Matthew Richardson  
Coventry RI 02816

Sent from my iPhone



## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** jim Raycroft <jimraycroft@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:57 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat sales and property tax

Dear House Finance Committee,

**As a Rhode Island full time resident and boater, I strongly oppose H6256.**

**Reinstating tax on boats will drive both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threaten local jobs, and negatively impact our economy. It will also create a financial hardship for our senior RI residents who are living on fixed incomes.**

**Please vote NO on H6256. Don't scuttle Rhode Island's boating industry.**

Respectfully,  
James Raycroft  
Tiverton, RI  
USAF Vietnam Veteran

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America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter, and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

~Abraham Lincoln

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Matthew Richardson <mattr401@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:19 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+hurt+everyday+Rhode+Islanders+by+pricing+us+out+of+access+to+our+waters,+driving+both+boaters+and+marine-related+businesses+out+of+state,+threatening+local+jobs+and+negatively+impacting+our+economy.

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

Sincerely,

[Your+Name]

[Your+Town]

Sent from my iPhone

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Nate Russo <russo.nate@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:50 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee; Rep. Abney, Marvin L.  
**Cc:** Rep. Spears, Tina L.  
**Subject:** I Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats!

Dear Rep Abney, Chair, 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.

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

Sincerely,

Nate Russo

Block Island, RI

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Greg Rosche <grosche@fluxmarine.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:48 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256 - Boat Taxes

Good morning,

I strongly oppose this legislation as it will directly and negatively impact my job within the Rhode Island marine industry. We are a small state and the only thing holding this industry together is its local heritage. Please do not price us out of our hobby and livelihood.

Regards,

**Greg Rosche**  
Senior Battery Systems Engineer  
(401) 864-8040

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**From:** Andrew Reynolds <areynolds@fluxmarine.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:42 AM  
**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 hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,  
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