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**From:** aspinwallm@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:22 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 homeowner, I 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 local economies.

Please vote no on H6256 and continue to support Rhode Island's marine economy. This bill is very short sighted for the Ocean State.

Sincerely,

Michael Aspinwall  
Charlestown, RI

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