

**From:** Peter Fahlman <pbfahlman@gmail.com>  
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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Tax on 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.

From the initial purchase price to the ongoing annual maintenance costs and other spending associated with entertainment/hospitality associated with boating activities, this will have a devastating multiplier effect on the RI economy.

Consumer spending is a huge portion of RI's GDP. Quite frankly, boating is already a very expensive activity and this proposal is already affecting my pending decision to purchase a boat that has a purchase price higher than that of my 1st house with an annual spend for maintenance in excess of 10% of the purchase price without adding annual property taxes.

Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry that is a huge driver of RI's economy.

Sincerely,

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