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**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 5:38 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee; ri-craven@rilegislature.gov  
**Subject:** Potential change to boating taxes - oppose H6256

*Dear House Finance Committee,*

*As a long time Rhode Island boater, since 1956 when my father moved us to North Kingstown, RI, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of this state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.*

*Please vote **NO on H6256**. Don't ruin Rhode Island's boaters and our marine industry.*

*Sincerely,  
Bob Kern  
CAPT (Ret)  
North Kingstown*

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