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**From:** Thomas Tanury <Thomas.Tanury@tanury.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 9:57 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 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.

I have been a boater for over fifty years along with many of my friends and we clearly know what an economic driver the boating industry is to the state. Boating over the past few years has become more and more of a very expensive activity. A tax on boating would be a huge mistake, to reverse the tax policy that has been in place for decades, that helped this industry grow to the state wide economic driver that it is. This is not a time to encourage more residents to leave the state because of the costs living, taxes, energy and over regulations.

Sincerely,

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