

My Name is Capt. Yale Greenman. I am the primary instructor and owner and of Green Marine Education. We have been providing Safe Boating and PWC Classes in Connecticut since 1999.

I am writing to inform you that I am vehemently **OPPOSED** to Connecticut accepting an on-line Boating Course to qualify students for their Boat and PWC Certificates!

We are all aware that the state has fiscal issues, but public safety is not the place to save money. I believe that it's common knowledge that a classroom setting, with a live instructor, is far superior to an on-line course. Furthermore, there is no reason for the state to spend any money teaching Boating Classes. The Private Providers, Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron are more than capable of providing boating classes to everyone who needs to attend one in Connecticut.

In addition, the Private Providers, most of whom are Connecticut citizens, rely on that income (and pay Connecticut taxes on that income) to make a living. If I'm not mistaken, the on-line providers are not in Connecticut or even in the United States. Why would you send that money out of the state or the country?

My question to you is why you would even consider accepting an on-line Safe Boating Course?

This proposal is a very bad idea on so many levels!

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