

To whom it may concern,

I think that this regulation change is being rushed - it is the first I heard of it. When I took my course in boating safety, I learned as much from the other students in the class, by the questions that they asked, and the interesting way that the teacher answered their questions. Some computers may be able to do this - but it doesn't sound as if this proposal will work that way.

There are lots of things to learn about boating that aren't in the book. If you are sitting at home with your PC, you just can not "hear" what the other students are asking, and what the instructor is telling them. My teacher brought some "training aids" into the class - radios, ropes, charts ... How can students learning through a computer ever "see" what boating is about?

I STRONGLY oppose changing the regulations/laws regarding Boating Safety and Hunter Safety training!

- this rule change has not been well publicized so that the public can comment on it
- on line training is good for some things, but it's not good for "drivers ed" - it can't be good for "boaters ed"
- you learn about boating from boaters - this is a cold computer, not a real person
- I had to work for my "diploma" - why should the new students have it really easy and not know as much as I when boating
- how do you know that the person taking the test is really the person who took the course
- a computer can't show you how to dock a boat - or tell you what mistakes it made while it was learning - A computer cannot properly teach weapons training and safety for hunters and especially for children. This is an unsafe proposal which puts people at risk.
- Everyone in the country is talking about gun control and you are making it easier here!
Really????
- Now we don't have a plastic card and it is so easy to go online and just print a new one. Now every one that looks the same can take a copy and use it for themselves. Please people, lets have a little common sense!!!! ID's Should have a PHOTO!!!
- EVERYONE should have a safe boating and PWC licence INCLUDING out of state people!! Why is it they are able to operate without a licence??? People with no licence can just go rent a boat with no experience. Why??? **I own my boat and have owned one for many years, I have a licence.**
- **We also need hands on training!!!**

Before you make any changes, I would be more than happy to speak with you and would be happy to take you out on Candlewood lake during the summer to show you first hand how it is out there on a busy weekend.

Thank you,

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