

Dear sirs

I STRONGLY oppose changing the regulations/laws regarding Boating Safety and Hunter Safety training at this time.

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. It is likely another attempt to create an additional tool for the gun industry to manipulate with.

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?

Respectfully,

Dr. Alberto Martinez Jr., MD
340 Valley Rd # 6
Cos Cob, CT, 06807
Town of Greenwich