

For the Environment Committee, concerning HR Bill # 6541 - hearing on Friday March 8, 2013

I know that your committee is considering changing the law to allow a short on-line computer course to take the place of classroom-based safe boating courses. This is a really bad idea. On line training is good for some things, but it's not good for "drivers ed" - it can't be good for "boaters ed". A computer can't show you how to dock a boat - or tell you what mistakes you made while you were learning. This is an unsafe proposal which puts people at risk.

I STRONGLY oppose changing the regulations/laws regarding boating safety training at this time.

Thank you,

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