

To Members of the Environment Committee:

The U.S. Sailing Association as an approved boating course provider in the State of Connecticut strongly supports the passage of H.B. No. 6541. The U.S. Sailing Association is the National Governing Body for the sport of sailing and is recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard as the leader in on-the-water training for sailing and powerboating. Online boating education, especially when combined with hands-on, on-the-water training, is a more effective approach to learning than a classroom lecture approach. More people will be willing to take an online course to get their state boating certificates to legally operate their powerboats and sailboats in Connecticut.

Please vote in favor of H.B. No.6541 to help improve the education of boaters and make the waters of Connecticut safer.

Sincerely,

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