

To whom it may concern, I do support the online training for the boating course but testing still must be done by experienced instructors in a controlled environment. As we approach a time in this State when we are seeking tighter and more controlled gun laws this proposal to include a safe hunting course online is not an option to even be considered. As the Safe Boating course's have progressed the laws pertaining to them their enforcement has not. The general boating public of which many seem totally unaware of the rules already in place and show a disregard for them reflect on those such as myself as Deputy Harbormaster in Bridgeport who have seen a great increase in failure to obey No-wake Zones and disregard by many PWC's to even obtain a certificate. There are at least three bills before you to strengthen the enforcement of these laws they are 5198, 5846, and 5182 that will help in controlling a growing and dangerous situation on the waters of this State. This Bill should not be passed as written to include Safe Hunting online as part of it and if it is passed we will have a greater and growing problem in this State.

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