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re: LICENCE FEE FOR MARINE VHF

Several years ago when you imposed a \$35 fee for both the personal and the vessel I found it difficult to understand how such a high fee for a five year licence could be justified. Now I understand that the fee may be raised to \$70 and for what? It is one thing to pay for services rendered but this simply a money grab.

I also feel that this fee increase will simply lead to fewer people operating with a licence and a degradation of the airwaves to the mess that you allowed to happen on C.B.

Thank You



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1512 Cobblefield Road
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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
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Subject: NPRM concerning Vessel Radio Station
License Fee Increases

Dear Sirs:

As a member of the pleasure boating public, I feel it is a BAD IDEA to increase the license fee for Vessel Radio Stations. It is my belief that this will discourage the purchase of VHF radios by recreational boaters and lead to increased deaths and property loss by not being able to summon help in time of trouble.

People who get in trouble, even on inland waters, may require immediate help or medical assistance. The quickest way to get help is usually by the marine VHF radio. If you double the fee to 50% of the cost of the radio itself, I feel that this will appear to be prohibitive to the average boater. It is somewhat akin to an increased tax on Life Preservers!

As a boater interested in safety on the water, I urge you not to increase the fee on vessel radio licenses.

Sincerely Yours,



Kenneth W. Sartain

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Secretary
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Gentlemen;

I have read recently that the FCC is considering increasing the license fee for a marine "ship station" from \$35 to \$70 for a five-year license.

I would like to go on record as opposing such an increase. In fact, I believe the boating public would better served if there were only a one-time fee of \$35 and renewals were eliminated altogether.

The primary and most important benefit of VHF marine radio to the boat owner/operator is SAFETY. The marine radio provides a means of communication to secure help in the event of an accident or emergency that is not available from any other source. For that reason alone, boaters should be encouraged to purchase a VHF marine radio for their vessel, rather than be discouraged from doing so because of the high cost of licensing in addition to the equipment cost.

I urge you to reconsider the proposed fee increase and support increased boating safety for the public.

Sincerely,



Donovan C. Davis

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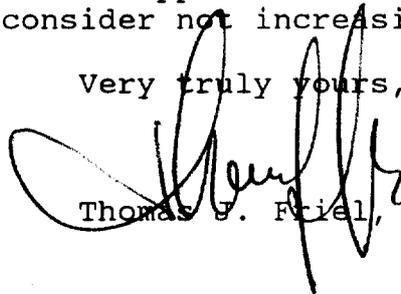
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Re: Planned FCC Regulatory Fees

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to voice opposition to the proposed increase for the Ship Station Licenses. The fee is nothing but a tax increase, and an ill-considered one at that. The result of the proposed increase would be that fewer boaters will have licenses. This is exactly what happened on the C. B. radio channels. I ask that you consider not increasing license fees.

Very truly yours,



Thomas J. Friel, Jr.

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