



## Welcome to the January, 2018 Newsletter

Happy New Year! In this newsletter I go over a review of last year and what's coming for the next year.

Until next month,  
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## 2017 Year in Review

This past year, 65 Stingers were added to the registry. That brings the total to 847 in the registry. Of those 847, the majority of Stingers are the 260 models, with 267 in the registry. After the 260 models, the next model that shows up in registry is the Stinger 312s with 158 in the registry. The 312s are followed by the 222s, 202s and 390s.

The model year most frequently found in the registry is 1987. The next most frequent model years are 1986 and 1988.

In addition to the new Stingers added to the registry this past year, there was a big change for the website. From the beginning creating the website has been about 2 things for me: 1) Learning about the history of the Stingers, and 2) learning the technical skill to create the website. To item #2, I've wanted to move the website away from the legacy hosting service I've used since day one of the website. I'm happy to say that as of the end of December, the website has been moved to Amazon's Lightsail web-hosting service. This provides a couple of benefits – it makes the website easier to maintain, and it should make the website slightly faster for users.

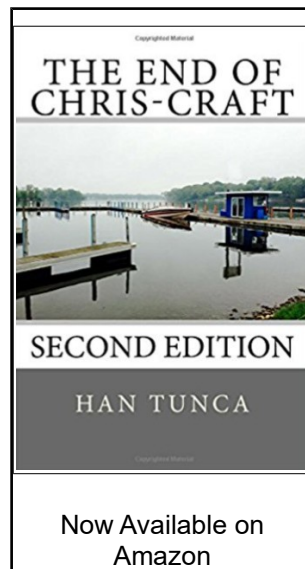
In addition to maintaining the website, I accomplished another big goal this past year in publishing my book "The End of Chris-Craft". The book was five years in the making. It represents hours of research, and I believe it's the most complete history of Chris-Craft from its beginning in the late 1800s until today.

Having run this website now for over 6 years, I believe I can say that this past year I've seen increased interest in the Stingers. Whether or not it's the information being published, or the good economic conditions, I'm glad to see this trend and hope it continues into this coming year.

As for goals for this coming year. I plan on adding more Stingers to the website, and continue to add the knowledge of the Stingers in

general. To this end, I plan on a special set of articles in upcoming newsletters, starting with next month's newsletter. Basically, I will be providing a spec sheet for every Stinger model.

That's about it, hope you all have a great year!



## Stingers for Sale

Below is a list of Stingers that have come up for sale during the previous month. The information for each boat in this section accompanied the owner's original advertisement. If you are interested in one of the boats please contact me at [ccstinger@gmail.com](mailto:ccstinger@gmail.com).



Model: 1982 260  
Location: Waukegan, IL  
Asking Price: \$21,000

For Sale: DIXIE NORMOUS 1982 Chris Craft 260 Stinger Built in 1982 in Bradenton, Florida I purchased this Boat in June 2009. This boat had a scratch and/or a ding here and there yet ran and drove quite well. I'm in my mid 70's and have been a boat person all my life, and I might add that I operated a full service boat company for several years. I'm quite capable of handling any mechanical, wood or fiberglass challenges. I'm retired and I have time on my hands, so I applied myself and brought this boat up to my standards. I also have many friends in the boat business so there's very little I or they can't handle. This boat has twin 260HP, 350cu/in engines with Alpha One outdrives. It has a Teak swim platform as well as a 3 blade stainless props. I repaired the dings and scratches on the hull, prepped then painted the hull. I used the original colors for the base coat then clear coated it. Over the years I made several changes (they're listed below) because I had the ability, time and finances. I've always used Mobil 1 15/50 in the engines along with Merc oil filters. All the parts and upgrades I have used on this boat were from Mercruiser. At present the exterior of this boat is as new as are all the cushions and seats. I never got to the cabin which could use some updating. Upgrades and Enhancements that I have done to this boat. Paint entire exterior using original colors. 2010 Recovered and replaced the foam in all cushions and seats 2010 Installed remote oil filter up grade (for easy access.) 2010 Installed new exhaust manifolds & risers (center type risers.) 2011 Installed through the transom exhaust system (using 4" polished stainless) 2011 Complete ignition upgrade to Thunderbolt IV 2011 All new shift and throttle cables 2012 New Quicksilver controls 2012 Install onboard marine battery charger 2013 Install new trim and tilt sensors 2013 Complete Drive service on both drives 2014 Rebuild both Carbs. 2014 Installed new pedestals on front seats Added batteries (boat now has 4 batteries.) Installed battery quick disconnect switches Installed crossover switches for emergency starting



Model: 1984 260  
Location: Willsboro, NY  
Asking Price: \$4,000

1984 Chris Craft stinger model 260 SL. Twin Mercruiser 260 HP engines. Both engines run very good but one needs a new carburetor. Twin Alpha One drives with stainless steel cleaver propellers. Boat needs work but is usable in current condition. Currently winterized and shrink wrapped but can be seen. Was not used this season. Some cosmetic fiberglass work needed and upholstery needs work. Interior overhead fabric damaged in one spot. No trailer but currently sitting on a yard trailer that may be available. Fun boat to drive. 50 + MPH. Low retail from NADA is \$5610.00. More pictures available.



Model: 1984 260  
Location: Medford, NY  
Asking Price: \$2,900

26ft Chris-Craft Stinger 1984 with two Mercruiser 350cu.in. 260hp motors I/o's Drives are off boat. The boat is blocked up. No trailer. Needs work but is a beast of a boat that will do 60mph. Come and look at it and make an offer.



Model: 1984 312  
Location: Lake Lanier, GA  
Asking Price: \$12,500

32 ft Chris craft power boat for sale. Twin 454 mercruiser trs drives. New Capt chair. New stereo. New carpet. Halon fire extinguisher. Engine wash thru for salt water. Over 10k in work done. all engine work done by Merlin marine. Very fun boat. Need to sell. Comes with trailer. I bought it off of original owner on lake lanier. Clean title. Current registration



Model: 1984 390  
Location: San Antonio, TX  
Asking Price: \$49,500

Likely the finest original 1984 Stinger 390X in existence, particularly in the rare factory beige/brown/yellow/orange color scheme. Continues to have original hardware, colors, graphics, stereo, refrigerator, gauges, outdrives, engines, and MYCO trailer. Engines rebuilt Fall 2014, only 20 hours operation since. Trailer improved with disc brakes (were drum), new springs, master cylinder hitch assembly, tongue jack, line lock for backing, chains and more. Cabin now has Teak floor and brushed stainless fridge door. Cockpit updated with amplifier, Rockford-Fosgate speakers, stainless counter/sink top, Teak floor and trim, new upholstery, new gauge bezels and powder coated surrounds and more. Engines extremely well cared for and start/run well. Outdrives received new bellows and carrier bearings Fall 2014 as well. Fresh cockpit, deck and bottom Awlgrip Awlcraft 2000 paint with professionally applied silicone anti-skid finish. Most of this boat's life was in Portland, Oregon in fresh waters of the Columbia River. Always high-and-dry or trailered. Currently in Southern California. This boat is a joy to own/operate, and particularly rewarding when answering to compliments, questions and admiration where ever you take it! Mionli Vice is truly an important part of American boating history, that is gaining value and more notoriety every day. It can be yours!



Model: 1985 260  
Location: Orlando, FL  
Asking Price: \$7,250

Essentially this is a "one" Owner Boat as ownership has remained within same family since it was brand new. Here are the particulars:- 1985 Chris Craft Stinger 260 SL - Twin Mercury 260 I/O with Alpha Drives. - Just shy of 800 HRS on Motors. - Stainless Steel Clever Props. - Hull is rock solid with no cracks. - Cabin is good shape. - Boat has been sitting since 2011 and will need some work because of sitting. - Sale includes Aluminum Trailer rebuilt within past 6 months. - Boat is located in Central Florida. - Boat will definitely require some work, but is well worth it. Asking Price is \$ 7,250 OBO



Model: 1986 222  
Location: Brockport, NY  
Asking Price: \$6,995

1986 stinger 222, 350 merc alpha 1 outdrive. Boats in good shape. In the last 3 years transom has been replaced, stringers, bellows, gimbal bearing, coupler, upgraded outdrive Hydraulic pump, impeller, 4 new trailer tires this year. Do your research on these boats rare one of a kind ahead of its time. This one hasn't been molested and turned into something it wasn't meant to be. Make me an Offer.



Model: 1986 222  
Location: Benton, LA  
Asking Price: \$10,500

10,500 ... OBO Good solid boat.. needs a little TLC 454 motor... 4 inch wet jet Needs outdrive seal and upholstery done. 5,000 trailer all aluminum Custom wheels



Model: 1986 312  
Location: Indianapolis, IN  
Asking Price: \$21,500

1986 Chris-Craft 312 Stinger. Twin 454 Mercruisers rebuilt to factory 420 specs. TRS drives with new props. Older repaint & upholstery, 1200 watt inverter in cabin with 110 volt outlets, small sink, refrigerator, porta potty. Very roomy cabin that can sleep 5 if needed, 4 very comfortably. Everything works as should in cabin, CD player with 2 speakers in cabin & 2 outside. Road cover, cockpit cover, bimini top. Shore power hook up, a very solid boat for the year. I removed the arch & still have it. Trailer included. I can text or e-mail pics. Motivated seller, make offer.. \$21,500.. OBO.



Model: 1986 314  
Location: Belvidere, IL  
Asking Price: \$21,000

UP FOR SALE IS A 1986 CHRIS CRAFT STINGER 314S CIGARETTE BOAT. IT IS CURRENTLY SHRINK WRAPPED TO KEEP THE WEATHER OFF HER. INCLUDED IS A TRIPLE AXLE TRAILER THAT HAS BEEN SANDBLASTED AND PRIMED. READY FOR REPAINT. TIRES ARE EDGY BUT SHOULD HOLD AIR. THIS BOAT IS SET UP FOR 2 OUTBOARDS PREFERABLY ABOVE 150HP. WAS TOLD IT HAD SOME REWIRING.



Model: 1987 415  
Location: Pasadena, MD  
Asking Price: \$20,000

1987 Chris-Craft Stinger 415, High performance Cruiser. Runs excellent. Repowered 10 years ago with twin Gen VI 502 ci 435HP V8s. Uses regular gas. TRS drives were also replaced with new TRS drives with nose cones. Gimbals housings were also rebuilt with repower. Gil header system. Hired electronic fuel injection system. Mercathode corrosion inhibitor system. Fresh water cooling. Velvet drives. Teflon Bottom paint, Cabin water heater. Large porta potti. Spacious cabin \$20000. No scams please!



Model: 1988 202  
Location: Rochester, NY  
Asking Price: \$8,000

I have a super rare 88' chris craft stinger 202 for sale. It has 165 hours on the hull. This boat is like brand new. I literally just finished it. This is the coolest fiberglass speed boat that Chris Craft ever made and was made for the Miami Vice tv series. They were built in very limited quantities and there are only a handful of these left. There is a website dedicated to them, I know of no other boats that have a cult following. I built this one to be better than it was originally. It is an attention grabber. I get compliments on it wherever I am and have had numerous offers on it even before I restored it. I'm selling it because I'm getting married and need the money. I just put well over \$7500 into it this summer alone and have well over 12K into it total. I had planned on using it but sadly it needs to go. Weddings are insanely expensive and I'm finding out the hard way. I replaced the motor and outdrive. It has an OMC 4.3L v-6 and an OMC cobra outdrive. Next, I gutted the boat completely and installed new marine ply, fiberglass, carpet, custom built seats and engine cover and had everything professionally upholstered. I installed a new GT steering wheel, a Sony marine cd/mp3/satellite radio which sounds awesome, a new bilge pump, new fuel lines, new aluminum swivel/slider/adjustable height seat posts and new Tracker style folding seats. The interior work cost over \$4K alone but was well worth it. It came out awesome. I had a 4bbl. Rochester carb installed which brings the HP up to 205 and will do over 60MPH. I had the pin striping re-done on the boat and matching Shorelandr trailer. I replaced the tires, lights, and started to strip and repaint the entire trailer. It also has a new deep cycle battery. There are 2 swim platforms molded into the stern that have teak foot boards and they were also refinished and look great. I also just

purchased a new trailerable cover for it. I even just filled the tank with ethanol free 93 octane fuel. I'm probably forgetting a lot. If you're interested you must include the words eighty-eight chris craft to get a response due to spammers. I know it's the wrong time of the year to sell a boat and I could get more for it this spring which is why I priced it where it is. It is well worth the money. Chris craft builds the very best boats around and this one is better than new.



**Model:** 1988 260  
**Location:** Kingston, NY  
**Asking Price:** \$4,500

Boat Hull is pretty clean, Imron paint two years prior to me buying her in 2013 (per previous owner), set up for SBC twins and alpha drives, off-color repaint spot, stbd side above rub rail. DOES NOT INCLUDE ENGINES, but includes drives, bennet tabs, all cables, rigging and harnesses in place. has drop down bolsters with adjustable headrests, but the upholstery is SHOT. the top edges are all split from sun and exposure ( prior to me owning it), no back seat and no sunpad cushions. cabin cushions are intact and upholstery is good. through-hull exhaust and integral swim platform. Chris Craft also puts the HIN on the hull itself so you can run it with the platform removed. Includes Boatmaster aluminum double axle trailer, needs new brakes, tires good, 6 lug wheels. I'm open to offers and possible trades (work van?) ( big Blocks?). she needs some work but I also restore these and i know what a great boat she will be again, i just happen to own several Stingers and i need to let one or two go.



**Model:** 1988 311  
**Location:** La Mesa, CA  
**Asking Price:** \$27,500

31 FEET LONG CENTER CONSOLE FISHING BOAT SOLID HULL IN GREAT SHAPE NO CRACKS BLEMISHES OR SOFT SPOTS, NONE LIKE IT, BRAND NEW CUSHIONS, BRAND NEW WIRING BATTERIES SWITCHES GAUGES FUSES FRESH BOTTOM PAINT. TRIPLE AXLE ALUMINUM TRAILER VERY LIGHT STURDY. TWO YAMAHA 200HP OUTBOARDS FULLY SERVICED TOP TO BOTTOM STAINLESS STEEL PROPS hull trailer and motors all 1988.



**Model:** 1988 312 Fittipaldi  
**Location:** Chesterfield Township, MI  
**Asking Price:** \$24,995

1988 Chris Craft 312 Stinger Fittipaldi Equipe. 32 feet long, twin GENV 502 HO engines, Bravo Ones, Three axle trailer with new tires. 55MPH. Only 18 of these Boats are now to exist. Very rare.



Model: 1988 375  
Location: Tampa, FL  
Asking Price: \$105,000

1989 Cris Craft Stingers '38 ~ professionally restored in 2014 for my friend who lives in Austria. He no longer has the time to play with this magnificent boat and hence asked me to post it on Craigslist. 2 rebuilt Yanmar 315hp diesels with only 200 hours since rebuild. Comes with the trailer Gorgeous boat ~ stored on trailer inside a clean warehouse. Ready to go. Everything works! Email me your interest and I'll send you my telephone number so we can talk. Is he flexible on the price?...I won't know until a real buyer steps forward.



Model: 1988 375  
Location: Clemson, SC  
Asking Price: \$35,000

For Sale: Chris Craft 375 Stinger, Bad XXX, Miami Vice, twin 460, King Cobra, excellent condition no scratches dings or cracks! All original! 37'8" of sexy! This girl is Big! Bad! Straight exhaust, 550 hrs boat and motors!



Model: 1988 415  
Location: NY  
Asking Price: FREE

I took deposit on this boat almost a year ago, the perspective owner made a few payments then came to the US to work on the boat. They knew nothing about boat restoration and took her apart discarding many critical pieces... She is now a stripped Hull. Among some of the existing stock parts are the upholstered interior seat frames, and all of the cabin cushions. All wiring and rigging was removed and /or destroyed by these people before they fled back to Germany. I'm gauging interest here. Does anyone want to give her a home? Trailer will not be included, but I will deliver her for a nominal fee to cover my expenses. I offering her for free. 1989 Stinger 415. 44' overall with integral swim platform. I will add photos to show her current shape. Hull is unchanged, just naked



Model: 1986 312  
Location: Northern IN  
Asking Price: \$29,900

1986 Chris-Craft Stinger 312 w/ Arc, 31.6'. Trailer, updated cabin, sink, sleeps 4. Twin 454's, Mirage Props, Great sound system. This boat is in excellent condition. Fresh water it whole life no salt. Stored in a heated garage. Never outside or left at a slip. Solid hull & stringers. Look at the pictures one has the specs.





Model: 1986? 222  
Location: Ontario, NY  
Asking Price: \$10,500

Chris Craft 222 stinger, fresh water only. 350 ,alpha, Gil exhaust, This boat is in great shape! Has a good trailer. Stainless 4 Blade prop All equipment incl. Runs and drives like new. Stringers redone, hull is solid, motor and drive have been professionally maintained.



Model: 1987 312  
Location: Fayetteville, AR  
Asking Price: \$30,000

1987 stinger 312 boat and trailer, 516 ci engine starboard, 509 ci engine needs repair, bravo 1 ,hyd steering less than 200 hrs 1986 scarab 340 boat and trailer, 502 engines, trs drives 07 magic tilt alum 3 axle trailer, 2 gen 6 425 hp engines 454ci, 1 gen 5 454 mag shortblock, extra trs drives, props, transmissions, lots of 454 sq port heads, oil pans, sea pumps, oil coolers, the boat stuff needs to go. 30,000.00 load it all



Model: 1984 260  
Location: Hagerstown, MD  
Asking Price: \$11,000

Chris Craft Stinger 260 is a 26 foot cigarette style boat with twin 260 horsepower V8 Mercruiser engines. The boat runs and drives beautifully and has plenty of power. The trailer is a 2012 Aluminum Load Rite trailer that is in almost new condition. The boat is available for sale without the trailer at a discounted price. If you want the boat only I will deliver within a reasonable distance.



Model: 1986 314  
Location: Huntington Station, NY  
Asking Price: \$7,500

Easy project. Twin Yamaha 2 stroke EFI 250 208 hours comes with tri Axel trailer



Model: 1987 202  
Location: Atlanta, GA  
Asking Price: \$3,000

Chris Craft Stinger. year built 1986 length - 20'0" also for sale price 3000.00



Model: 1987 260  
Location: Lancaster, PA  
Asking Price: \$1,200

26' stinger with aluminum twin outboard bracket, Bracket alone was 1500, selling whole boat and trailer 1200obo, needs repowered, interior was completely redone 2years ago, tv, 10" sub, led lighting, new custom cushions etc, no title but you can register boat without one, call with questions or to see



Model: 1987 415  
Location: Shalimar, FL  
Asking Price: \$22,500

If you are in the market for a high performance, look no further than this 1987 Chris-Craft 415 stinger, just reduced to \$22,500 (offers encouraged). This vessel is located in Shalimar, Florida and is in great condition. She is also equipped with twin Mercruiser engines that have 300 hours.