



## March, 2020 Newsletter

Welcome to the March, 2020 newsletter.

Well... this past month has certainly been an interesting one with the Covid-19 outbreak. Hoping everyone out there stays in the best of health, and that this newsletter takes your mind off of the current situation, even if just for a little.

Since the last newsletter, 4 more Stingers have been added to the registry, bringing the total to 968. Perhaps this year the number of Stingers in the registry will surpass 1,000?

Ever wonder what the gas tank in your Stinger looks like? This month's article gives you an idea and

includes an original blueprint for the gas tank used in the Stinger 390s.

Until next month,  
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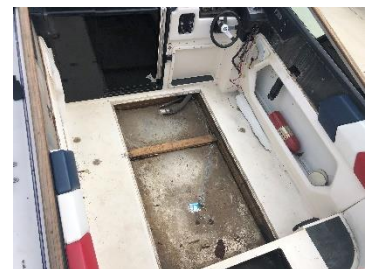
### Stinger Gas Tanks

Ever wonder what the gas tank looks like in your Stinger, or even where it is located? The gas tank is a critical component of all boats, and its worth knowing exactly how to access it.

The gas tank for the Stingers is located underneath the cockpit floor. On the 390X's, the gas tank extends under the cockpit bench. The tank sits between two stringers that run fore to aft in the boat, and is insulated with foam – which can hold water and possibly cause rot in the

stringers/bulkheads.. It can be accessed by a panel in the cockpit floor. For older Stingers, the panel was made of teak – and is prone to break. Later Stingers switched to a fiberglass cover. The tank itself is made of aluminum.

Tony Iearardi, who is currently working on his Stinger 390X named SEASON ONE, had decided to replace the gas tank in his Stinger. Thanks to Tony, we have the pictures below that show the placement of the gas tank and the gas tank itself.





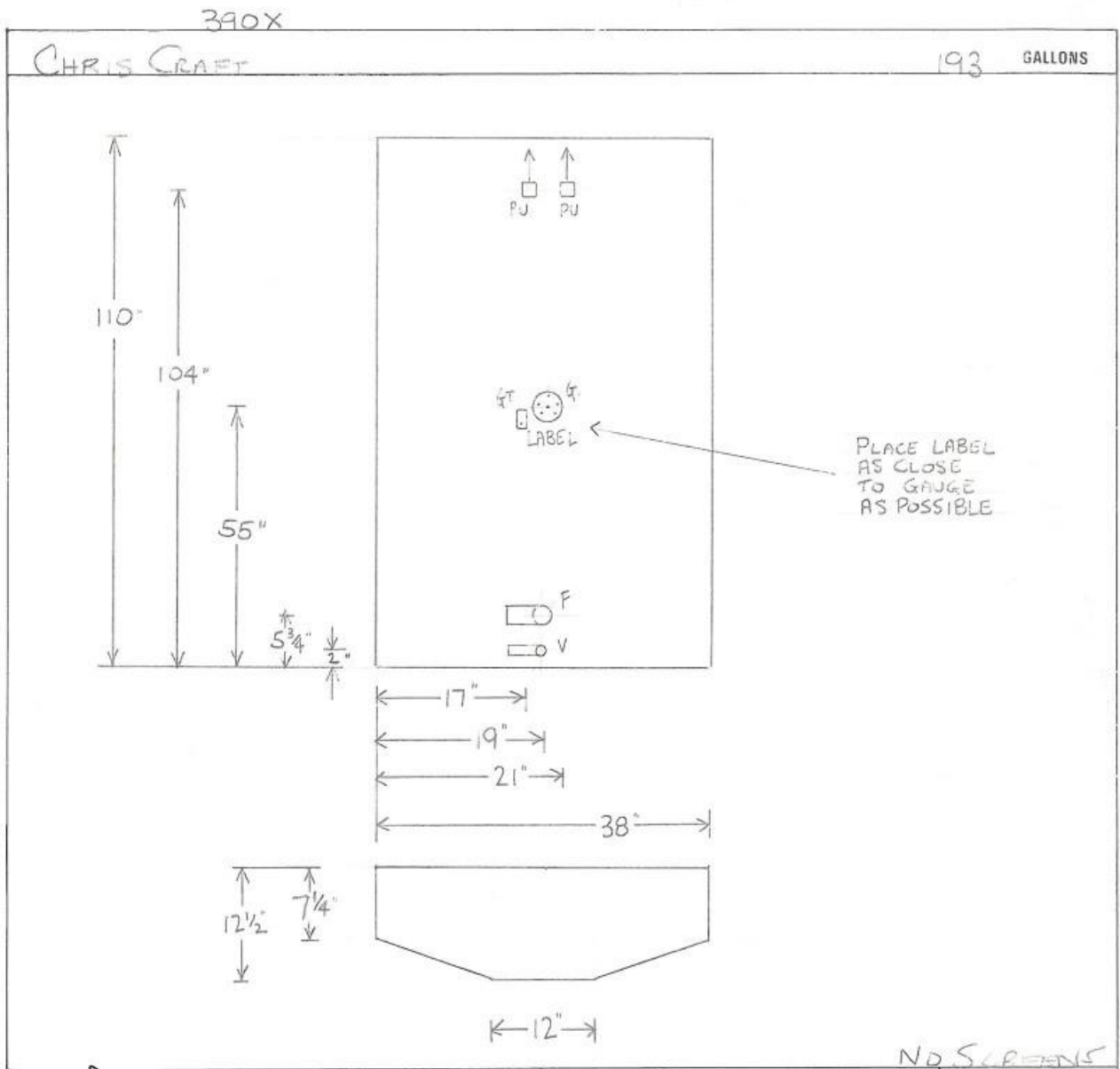
Tony pulled the tank from his boat for inspection purposes as he was re-doing the bilge bulkhead, stringers and transom. He found that the tank had minor corrosion and decided to have a new one made.

Tony reports that the gas tank is 110" long and only had a capacity of 198 gallons – even though the brochures list the capacity at 250 gallons!

For the new gas tank, Tony decided to have it built using heavier gauge aluminum and coated it for extra corrosion protection.

The original manufacturer of the gas tank in Tony's boat was Aluminum Fabricated Products (AFP) located in Perry, FL. The company has since been renamed to RDS, but is still located in Perry, FL. After talking to RDS, Tony was able to secure a blueprint for the original gas tank shown on the next page.

Hopefully, this will be helpful information for anyone working on the gas tank in their Stinger. Thanks Tony!



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## 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: 1983 390**  
**Location: Fowlerville, MI**  
**Asking Price: \$12,000**

1983 Chris Craft Stinger 390x for sale. \$12,000 or best offer. Twin 400 hp mercs. Has been sitting for about 8 years.



**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 312**  
**Location: Chilliwack, BC, Canada**  
**Asking Price: \$21,500**

32 foot cigarette style off shore boat. New hi performance 454 motors gill exhaust with stainless pipes. Stainless props tie bar counter rotating drives. Incredible rough water boat. Triaxle trailer with new led lights, brakes, and bearings. Own a " Miami Vice Legend."



**Model: 1984 390**  
**Location: Glenwood, IL**  
**Asking Price: \$58,000**

1984 Chris Craft Stinger 390x. original 440 hp cyclone motors rebuilt as roller motors, B&W trans w/ TRS drives, mirage props 367 hr on hull & 60 hrs on rebuilt motors, Stainless Marine Exhaust, Survey done in 2016. Includes a triple axle trailer, excellent paint & interior.



**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: \$6,500**

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 has not been molested and

	<p>turned into something it wasn't meant to be. Make me an Offer.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1986 222</b>  <b>Location: Benton, LA</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$10,500</b></p> <p>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</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1986 260</b>  <b>Location: Ithaca, NY</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$13,500</b></p> <p>Legendary style and performance. Nothing cuts through the water like a Chris-Craft. This boat has twin v8's straight piped above the swim platform. Absolutely beautiful. New port motor, new throttle, new shift cables, new batteries and new master kill switch all within the last 2 years. This boat is a head turner, classic styling with crisp responsive handling. Truly a classic- call today!</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1986 312</b>  <b>Location: Indianapolis, IN</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$16,000</b></p> <p>1986 Chris-Craft 312 Stinger. Twin 454 Mercruisers rebuilt to factory 420 specs. TRS drives with new props. Older repaint &amp; 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 &amp; 2 outside. Road cover, cockpit cover, bimini top. Shore power hook up, a very solid boat for the year. I removed the arch &amp; still have it. Trailer included. I can text or e-mail pics. Motivated seller, make offer. \$21,500. OBO.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1986 390</b>  <b>Location: Tulsa, OK</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$4,800</b></p> <p>1986 Chris 39' Stinger. Original was twin big block Chevys with Mercury outdrives. Engines removed years ago to re-power, but project was abandoned, sat under a cover on Long Island for several years. Was a salt boat, now in Oklahoma near lots of water, and it needs a new loving owner to restore and bring back to life. Long and sleek cigarette boat, with its own character! I</p>

trade, but not for junk. NO TRAILER, I might help with re location, in reason.



**Model: 1987 312 Fittipaldi**  
**Location: St Petersburg, FL**  
**Asking Price: \$10,000**

This boat has been in storage for over a decade. It will need a pair of GenIV motors to make it operational. It will come with the Borg-Warner velvet drive transmissions and TRS counter rotating outdrives and stainless props. They have 225 hours on them however they would probably need to be rebuilt given the time they have been in storage. The transom was replaced by Yacht Doctors and the K-Planes were re-installed with custom back plates. The bolsters are in good shape with the exception of the top cushions which can be easily removed. The rear seating will have to be completely redone. The same applies to the cabin area. Traditional U-shaped lounge with berth forward. It's cloth and I would have wanted it in vinyl anyway at some point. The Loadmaster trailer was custom built for the boat as it was on a "high n dry" when I purchased it and all of the tires are brand new. The brakes would need to be replaced. This was one of the few Fittipaldi Equippe models that were produced after Emerson Fittipaldi fell in love with the Stinger model and asked Chris Craft to produce a modified model for him. Consequently they built a handful of these modified Stingers. Very heavy hull and runs like some of the older Formulas. She can run FOT at 72MPH in 3-4' chop with the stock 454 Magnums.



**Model: 1987 314**  
**Location: Soddy-Daisy, TN**  
**Asking Price: \$20,000**

1987 Chris Craft Stinger 314 This has had a lot of work done to it. It's about 75% to 80% complete. The hull has been completely sanded down and refinished from rub rail down. The transom has been completely replaced and reinforced to hold triple 300's. The gill bracket was custom built for the boat. It currently has triple mercury 225 hp. 2-1999 carbureted and 1-2001 fuel injected. The cockpit area has a new custom sun pad creating a very large area for storage and a place to layout. Has new Faria gages and new switches. Triple racing throttle controls. The cabin has been reupholstered 95% complete. Trailer is tri-axle with new wheels and tires new disk brakes and new 20,000lbs surge brake coupler. This boat just needs a little more to be complete. Reason for selling is I bought a bigger fixer-upper and need the money. Asking \$20,000.





**Model: 1988 202**  
**Location: Collierville, TN**  
**Asking Price: \$2,500**

Running 175 Mercruiser inboard with fully functional Alpha outdrive and five blade stainless prop. Gauges, trim and gear box all work. Finish needs revitalization but hull, including transom, are solid. The interior has been removed. It will need one 42"l rear stringer replaced, a new 36" x 72" floor panel and interior accommodations as you desire. Dual axle trailer included. Chris Craft Stinger Newsletter states there were only 189 of these models produced and estimates less than 50 survive. Estimated value after restoration is \$6500-8500 depending on fit and finish. Bill of sale provided in exchange for cash only. Additional photos available. Thanks for looking!



**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 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: 1987? 260**  
**Location: Sandusky, OH**  
**Asking Price: \$7,000**

Chris Craft Stinger Twin 260 Drives Alpha 1 Cuddy cabin  
 Has shore landr trailer dual axle in great shape \$7000 obo.



**Model: 1980 Excaltibur 310/Stinger 312 SL**  
**Location: Mesa, AZ**  
**Asking Price: \$7,000**

Up for sale is a very rare and unique cigarette style offshore racing boat. 1980 Chris Craft Excaltibur. Not many of these made and very hard to find. It has twin 454 330 HP with TRS drives! Does need some minor cosmetic work but runs excellent! This is a lot of boat for the money! May trade for the right rv.



**Model: 1986 222**  
**Location: Ontario, NY**  
**Asking Price: \$5,000**

1986, Chris-Craft 222 stinger factory offshore. Triple bolster 350 Chevy fresh Gil exhaust Holley carburetor, trim tabs boat is excellent in rough water freshwater only! Includes lines bumpers anchor. Double axle trailer in great shape . Hull is solid and dry. Must Sell!!





**Model: 1988 311?**  
**Location: Hialeah, FL**  
**Asking Price: \$7,000**

1988 Chris Craft Stinger 202 20' pleasure craft with trailer  
 Has not been used or started for 2 years Will need carb rebuilding and battery Boat and trailer in nice shape Please no calls after 9pm or before 6am No you can not hear it run or try it out , sold as is Cash only. No scammers.



**Model: 1984 230**  
**Location: North Branch, MN**  
**Asking Price: \$3,500**

1984 22' Chris Craft Stinger \*454 MerCruiser Bravo OutDrive \*Fully serviced, Inspected and runs great \*Includes 1985 Custom Bunk Tandem Axle Trailer - Good

	<p>W/B &amp; Good Lights *Cuddy Cabin *Stainless Steel Prop *Indoor Storage until Spring 2020</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1985 260</b> <b>Location: Reno, NV</b> <b>Asking Price: \$9,999</b></p> <p>26 ft Chris Craft 1985 stinger twin MerCruiser V8 350 bored 30 over with dual turbochargers each, one motor wont start. birthing, sink and refrigerator, three axle trailer with good tires. Some one please don't let this classic go to waste, I just don't have time to love her. Very tough fiberglass hull.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1984 312</b> <b>Location: Sunrise Beach, MO</b> <b>Asking Price: \$13,000</b></p> <p>I am selling my 1984 ChrisCraft 312 Stinger. It has twin 454's and TRS drives. The boat is ready for the water, engines and drives work great. It has appx 990 hours on the hour meters. I removed the arch but still have it to go with the boat. The trailer is NOT included for 13000.00. If you want the trailer it's an additional 2500.00. The trailer has 2 6000 lb axles and brand new load range E tires and new hubs and new electric brakes. It hauls the boat OK but could use some attention with the bunks to fit the boat better. My intention was to keep the boat at the my marina on a lift but the marina does not have a slip available. I have clean titles for the boat and trailer. Please don't ask if it is still available or just tell me 'I'm interested', I will just delete the message. If you have a legitimate question and are interested in buying a classic boat, then ask it.</p>