



November, 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to the November, 2019 newsletter.

There are now 957 Stingers in the registry. This is a significant jump from the 944 reported last month, and is the result of going through and cleaning up data. In cleaning the data, I ran across some Stingers I had never entered into the registry.

Big changes have been made to the website. Specifically, I've moved to using a new technology on the website which allowed me to add functionality I've been thinking about for a while. Specifically, the Galleries and For-Sale sections of the website allow one to filter Stingers based on model, year, name, and whether or not

the boat has a story, or was damaged.

In addition to the Galleries and For-Sale section updates, I've also updated the HIN Decode page. I'm most excited about this change as it corrects issues with the old decoding algorithm. In the past, there were cases where over the years a hull code could be associated with more than one model. This resulted in the decoding algorithm telling the user that the model could be one of a couple of different models. The new algorithm fixes this, so decodes should be more accurate and only list one model for the HIN entered.

The changes made to the website rely on technology found in newer browsers, specifically Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Opera, Microsoft Edge, etc. The pages may not work in

older browsers such as Internet Explorer before version 11. Should you have any issues accessing the pages, please contact me.

Until next month,
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What is Knytex?

In previous newsletters, I've documented the 1985 Stinger 312 Competition Series boat known as the Knytex Stinger. This boat is a rare boat as it's only one of two Competition Series Stingers that I know of. In addition, this may be the boat that was raced in the Golden Gate to Spruce Goose Chase race in the 1980s and featured in Chris-Craft brochures.



This Stinger is known as the Knytex stinger because the decals along the hull say Knytex.



But what is Knytex, and why is the decal featured on the side of this particular Stinger?

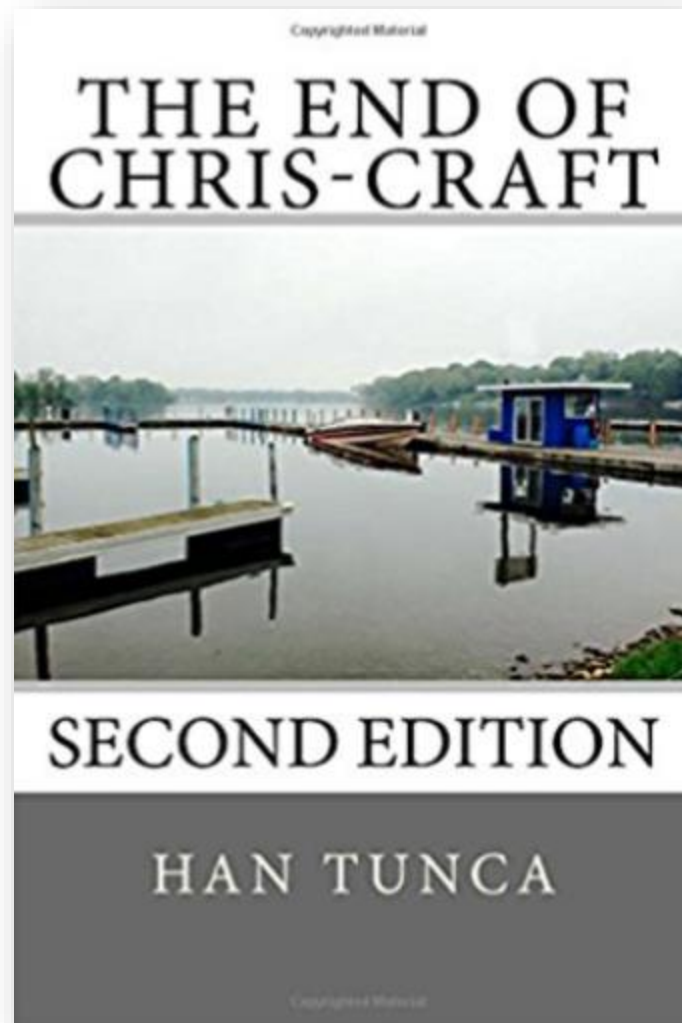
This past month I came across an article from the October, 1984 issue of Motor Boating & Sailing. It's an interesting article,

and it talks about some of Chris-Craft's racing initiatives. In particular, it talks about Chris-Craft having produced 12 30' Chris Cats (catamarans) for the APBA offshore race circuit. The article also talks about Chris-Craft's plans to build a 37' Chris Cat for the World Championships. Finally, the article states that the 30' Chris Cats are made of a balsa core surrounded by Knytex-reinforced fiberglass.

Knytex is a special material used in tabbing and corner reinforcement. According to information I

was able to find, it's excellent for use in marine applications and provides higher strength layup than standard fiberglass cloth. Knytex materials were manufactured by Owens Corning, but are now produced by [TAP Plastics](#).

So that answers the question as to why the Knytex decal shows up on this particular Stinger. Chris-Craft must have had a sponsorship deal with Owens Corning, and used the Knytex material in at least this boat if not all Competition Series boats.



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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.



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 wells 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 cote 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 Mercrusier. 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: 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 260
Location: Medford, 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



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: 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 wherever 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

	<p>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</p>
	<p>Model: 1986 222 Location: Brockport, NY Asking Price: \$6,500</p> <p>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 turned into something it wasn't meant to be. Make me an Offer.</p>
	<p>Model: 1986 222 Location: Benton, LA Asking Price: \$10,500</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>Model: 1986 260 Location: Ithaca, NY Asking Price: \$13,500</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>Model: 1986 312 Location: Indianapolis, IN Asking Price: \$16,000</p> <p>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.</p>



Model: 1986 390
Location: Tulsa, OK
Asking Price: \$4,800

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 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 Equipe 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" w x 72" l floor panel and interior accommodations as you desire. Dual axel 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 axel 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: 1988 415
Location: Lake Havasu, AZ
Asking Price: \$25,000

This 1988 Chris craft stinger model 415 is brand new interior, seats, carpets, gauge panel, wiring and needs some motor work. It has two 454 chev engines both rebuilt as new but one needs to be replaced. With both the naturally asperated engines the boat goes about 50 MPH. It is a true classic and if some dropped a pair of 502 cid in to the hull, the speed would be closer to 70 mph. Selling it cheap so the next owner can dump some money in it and have an incredible ride.



Model: 1989 312
Location: Jersey Shore, NJ
Asking Price: \$12,500

32' 1987 Chris-Craft Stinger 312. Boat has been out of the water for years. Runs. Clean title. Needs a little TLC to get her back to her former glory. Alpha One Drive. Trailer is in very good condition. This is a great opportunity to get a small winter project started. A cost effective way to have an awesome boat ready to go for next season.



Model: 1987 202
Location: Kingston, NH
Asking Price: \$5,000

1987 Chris Craft Stinger 202. 3 seat ocean racer. Excellent condition! Upgraded re-power to a 350 Merc cruiser! Custom designed interior, woodwork and upholstery. Motor built by watts racing. 60 + MPH. Always winterized and well cared for. Maintenance done by Anderson marine. This boat is fantastic! Low hours on it. No trailer!



Model: 1987 202
Location: Smith Mountain Lake, VA
Asking Price: \$4,950

Beautiful 1987 Classic Chris Craft 202 Stinger " James Bond style" Looks and runs like new! 5K in upgrades. All documentation included... New Cover and galvanized easy load trailer, life vests, everything you need included! Selling do to back surgery! Only been in salt water 12 times Purchased new and dry docked at Smith Mountain Lake Va. Offered at \$4,950.00 Cash Or Best Offer! Shown weekdays by appointment only. Please NO texts or scammers please



Model: 1987 312
Location: Fayetteville, AR
Asking Price: \$20,000

1987 312 chris craft stinger 20,000 new 454 450 hp gen 6 engines , have the engines ready to drop in, msd ign, bravo drives ,stainless exhaust, external hyd steering, boat has less than 200 original hours, 3 axle trailer, one of a kind



Model: 1987 415
Location: Mt Clemens, MI
Asking Price: \$22,500

Estate sale must be sold this 415 Chris Craft Stinger is in the water and running condition. Has big block Mercruisers and TRS drives with Velvet Drive transmissions. Interior is in good condition seats are all good dash and gauges all work properly. Has offshore controls and drop out bolsters. Powered engine lift . Full cockpit cover that works but needs replacing. Engines have low hours and nice offshore exhaust systems. Boat is located in Mt. Clemens MI . No trailer included but might have one available for transport.