



September, 2020 Newsletter

Welcome to the September, 2020 newsletter.

Since the last newsletter, 4 more Stingers have been added to the registry, bringing the total to 986. Getting pretty close to 1,000 Stingers in the registry!

There's been a lot of activity over the past couple of months. Two Stinger 390s that were listed on the website sold, and 3 new Stingers were added to the "For Sale" section of the website: a 1988 Stinger 260 from Norfolk, VA has been listed, as well as a 1987 Fittipaldi located in Lake Ozark, MO.

The 3rd Stinger recently listed for sale on the website is a rather unique boat. It's a [1988 312](#) that has been professionally converted to a partial open-bow layout. It has both a cuddy cabin and open bow section. The boat is located in Iowa. The conversion to an open bow layout was documented in the May/June 2013 issues of the newsletter.

To see all of the boats for sale, see the listings in the newsletter below or head over to the "[For Sale](#)" section of the website.

Until next month,
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Third Wish Sold!

Of the two boats that sold this past month, one was a 1986 390 that at one time

had been named Third Wish. The sale of this boat marks the end of a long, sad road for this boat.

Over the course of the years, I've come across some Stingers in really bad condition. It's hard to see them rotting away in a yard someplace, destined never to get back on the water.

Personally, for me, seeing a 390 in bad shape is really the hardest. Something about the timeless design of the 390s makes me think that someone will want a 390, no matter what condition. But 390s come with their own set of issues, size being one of them – for most people a 390 is just too large and too expensive.

That's why I'm happy to say that this particular Stinger,

Third Wish, is going to a new home.

Third Wish first was recorded on the registry in 2012. It was at that time someone reached out to me to tell me that he would soon be getting the boat. The story went that a friend of his was practically giving him the 390. This person sent me polaroid pictures of the boat. He seemed pretty excited.



I never heard again from that person. A few years later, in 2015, the boat showed up on eBay. It was being auctioned off by Boat Angel – a charity that takes boats as donations and then sells them on eBay. The boat was located in New Jersey. The boat did sell at auction.



It was not until 2018 that I saw the boat again. This time it was in Oklahoma. The new owner informed me that the boat had been in New Jersey. The engines were removed for a re-power project, but the project was never completed. The new owner listed the boat for sale on chriscraftstingers.com.



The listing on chriscraftstingers.com generated a lot of interest, mainly due to the low asking price. A lot of buyers asked about it, but the boat was in pretty bad shape. Knowing these old boats, it was probably going to need to have both the transom and the stringers replaced. The amount of work needed, and the fact that the boat didn't have a trailer, caused a lot of potential buyers to walk away from the boat.

This past month, however, the boat finally sold. The new owner contacted me to tell me he purchased the boat.

Not sure what will become of this boat in the end, but hope to see it back on the water some day!

The End of Chris-Craft Third Edition



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"Brings a whole new light to boating, can't help but think about different parts of the book every time I see a boat."

"Sure that anyone interested in this iconic builder would like it."

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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: 1987 312 Fittipaldi

Location: Lake Ozark, MO

Asking Price: \$29,900

1987 312 Fittipaldi Equipe, Limited Edition 1987 312 built at Chris-Craft's Bradenton, FL plant in April of 1987 #53 model year 1987 312 built Twin 460 Ford Big Block V-8 with Holly carburetors. Original OMC King Cobra Drives. Runs and has been stored inside since I have owned the boat. I purchased the boat in 2001.



Model: 1988 312

Location: Waterloo, IA

Asking Price: \$23,750

This is a truly remarkable boat. I bought it in 2006 and spent two years customizing it from the helm forward.



- Always stored indoors on the trailer when not in use
- Used typically 8-12 days per year on either Clear Lake or Mississippi River in Iowa
- Customized with mid-cabin open bow configuration
- Mid-cabin includes stereo, Corian countertop, sink, inverter, microwave, head, enough space for a 6'-2" person to sleep, custom double cooler cubby keeps coolers from sliding around
- LED lighting
- Twin MerCruiser 454 - 330HP run exceptionally well
- Three batteries - one for each engine and one for inverter/accessories ensures batteries have power to start engines
- Port engine has new stainless steel water pump - Starboard pump is fine
- Stainless steel in-line external mufflers take the "rap" out of the exhaust tone to keep DNR/Coast Guard happy
- All gages function
- Bravo Outdrives with tie-bar
- Last outdrive pressure tests in 2018 was good.
- SS props
- Newer gimbal rings
- Trailer rebuilt in 2015 with new bearings, disc brake system, electric/hydraulic brakes

- Includes Load Equalizer hitch rated at 12,000 pounds
- Tires in good condition.
- Two spare tires included
- Boat & Trailer together weigh 9500 pounds depending on fuel load (150 gallons)



Model: 1986 260
Location: Norfolk, VA
Asking Price: \$14,000

1988 Chris-Craft 260 Stinger Price dropped ready to sell!! Limited Legendary style and performance, nothing cuts through the water like a Chris-Craft. The 1988 model line saw a more radically re-styled line of Stingers. This restyling was led by Jim Douglas. These redesigned Stingers sported a curved, windowless, wrap-around windshield, integrated swim platforms, and furnished interiors. These Stingers were some of the last built. This boat has been well taken care of and the engine room was completely rebuilt in 2016. Both motors and exhaust manifolds were replaced with new 5.7L Chevy Small block (Marine Comp Cam performer) in 2017, est. 630 HP total. The new engines have 50 hours on them. The Exhaust does have CAPT choice (I.E. you choose loud or quiet) great for family, friends, and fun. Also engines have closed loop cooling system so no salt water is on the engine block. The outdrives were rebuilt and replaced in March 2019 they have less than 5 hours on them. The trailer is an all aluminum trailer and tires have been replaced in 2017. It's a great boat that I hate to see it go, but with our growing family and Military obligation we do not get to use it as much anymore. This boat is a head turner, classic styling with crisp responsive handling. Call for more details over \$20,000 spent on overhaul have all recipes. Will consider possible trades for older vehicles Chevy, Pontiac, studebaker, Ext..



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 10 years. Recent survey revealed Transom and center stringer will need to be repaired. This boat does run. gauges show good oil pressure in each engine. 320 some hours on each engine and boat. Trailer in good condition.



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: 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 260
Location: Ithaca, NY
Asking Price: \$13,500

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!



Model: 1986 312
Location: Indianapolis, IN
Asking Price: \$16,000

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 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 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: 1986 260
Location: Windsor, ON, Canada
Asking Price: \$8,000

1986 Chris craft stinger 26feet Twin 350s Cudy with a sink bed and toilet Boat runs floats and goes very well Oil



changes were just done Everything is solid Trailer has ownership and wheel bearings were just done



Model: 1988 260
Location: Ylöjärvi, Pirkanmaa, Finland
Asking Price: €14,900

A much-put, technically operating boat. Of course, there's something to put, but right away, ready to go.



Model: 1986 222
Location: Chicago, IL
Asking Price: \$10,500

8/11/2020: This is my 1986 Chris Craft 222 Stinger. I have owned it since about 2005 Since then the boat has been completely redone through out the years. About 3 years ago the cockpit was redone in all new wood and upholstery. The dash was custom built and holds all Livorsi carbon fiber monster gauges. Also about 3-4 years ago i installed the 454 and bravo outdrive. The original boat came with a small block and alpha drive. I also added the 280 k-planes which help when it gets rough. The cabin was re-done last year and other than holding the life jackets and anchor it has never been used. The blue flooring you see in the cockpit and on the two swim platforms is the hydroturf material you find on jet skis. its nice under the feet. Its not glued down in the cockpit but it is glued down on the platforms. I also am including another full 4x8 sheet of it to finish the back engine area if you wanted to. When the boat was swapped over to the 454/bravo i was forced to loose the two jump seats that these boats normally have. I still have the two side walls which are brand new never used when i redid them...also have the original



engine hatch and one set of the jump seats so if you ever wanted to convert it back to the way it came from the factory with a small block it can be done easily. There are tons of things I'm forgetting and will add to the listing as it comes back to me. The trailer comes with the boat....but i don't have an actual title for it. I have the original bill of sale and a weight slip since it was purchased in Michigan and there it was registered as a home made trailer. Michigan also does not title trailers under a certain weight. I primarily used it up in Wisconsin (where they also do not title small trailers) out on Lake Michigan when the waves allowed it. Since my parents sold the house in Wisconsin some two years ago i brought the boat down to Chicago and have used it maybe 5-10 times. And unfortunately the waves around the city get a bit large from all the boat traffic and my wife doesn't like getting bounced around as much so she wants a bigger boat if we get another one. Right now i think we may just hold off on getting another boat until we retire down in florida in about 10-15 years or so. The boat was never kept in the water over night while i have owned it. It was always stored inside during the winter at my place of work in a heated loading dock. I just took it out of storage to take all the pictures you see and to start it up for the first time this year. Fired up no problems. I can send you the video of the startup if you want to send me an email address to send it to. I may try to post it up on youtube and post the link here as well. I also took compression tests on all the cylinders just before the first startup. No oil in the cylinders and i didn't have the carb full open which i didn't know about till after i was done. All the cylinders were between 124psi and 135psi well within the 10% variance you would expect. And i was told the reading would be higher it i did the compression test properly...i was told it should have been done with engine warm after 20min of run time or with a squirt of oil in each cylinder and carb wide open during cranking. Oh the boat also has a bimini top that will be included with the boat...i have never used it myself. As i said i will be posting more information as i remember it so keep checking back if interested. Any questions please ask anytime and if you want any pictures of something specific just ask and i will get them for you. Thanks