



Chris Craft Stingers

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Welcome to the June, 2011 newsletter!

May was a busy month – approximately 30 Stingers have been added to the website. The boating season has begun and I've been in touch with many new Stinger owners as well as sellers. I'm amazed at just how many Stingers have are still around.

I've technically revamped the website to add new features and to make it easier to maintain. There is now a fully implemented comments section for each boat in the gallery.

The history section of the website has been updated with information and a picture from the May, 1984 Golden Gate to Spruce Goose Chase – a race that was won by a Stinger 312!

One of the services I offer is procuring a packet of original documentation for a boat – this packet includes original sales info on the boat, warranty claims, and legal documentation. I have now posted a sample packet on the parts page so one can get an idea of what comes in the packet.

As always, if you have any information on a Stinger, or are looking to buy a boat or parts, please feel free to contact me at ccstinger@gmail.com. Han.

Determining the Model Number of Your Stinger

As many of you may know, when I add

a new Stinger to the registry, I try and get the hull number for the boat. In addition to identifying the boat, the hull number encodes information about the boat such as the model number, year the boat was built, and the location where the boat was manufactured.

The hull number for a boat is a unique number that identifies the boat, much like the VIN number is used for identifying cars. The hull number for a boat will be stamped on the upper starboard side of the outside of the transom. The hull number is a combination of 12 letters and numbers. The first two characters in the hull number are letters and identify the manufacturer of the boat. For Stingers, these two letters are CC or UN – manufacturer codes for Chris Craft. The third character is a letter which identifies which Chris Craft plant the boat was built at. Chris Craft had many plants in the US, and abroad. The codes for the plants where Stingers were built include B = Bradenton (Sarasota), FL, T = Gallipolis, OH, V = Goshen, IN, F = Bellingham, WA, H = Holland, MI.

The 4th and 5th characters in the HIN are the model code for the boat. Chris Craft built 13 different Stinger models. The codes for each model are as follows:

- 202 = BN
- 222 = BL
- 230 = BE
- 260 = AF
- 311 = AJ
- 312 = AG
- 313 = BH

- 314 = BK
- 334 = EK
- 375 = BF
- 385 = ?
- 390 = AL
- 415 = BV

While this code identifies the model, it does not identify the specific “trim” level of the boat. For example, in 1984, the Stinger 260 came in both the SL and SL LTD trim levels. The HIN provides no information on which trim level a particular boat was purchased with.

The model code also seems to be associated with the hull that was used for a particular boat. For example, I've run across a 1982 Chris Craft Scorpion that had the same model code as the Stinger 390X – I believe both were built with the same hull, thus the same model code.

As you can see from the list above, I do not have the model code for the Stinger 385s produced in 1989 (maybe 1988 as well?) These later boats are pretty rare to find.

In next month's newsletter, I will tell you how to determine the the month and year your Stinger was built.

Stingers for Sale

If you are interested in one of the boats for sale, and need more information, please contact me at ccstinger@gmail.com.



Model: 1986? 222
Location: Quincy, MA
Asking Price: \$1,000

22.2 ft. Chris Craft 'STINGER' inboard/outboard V8 chev. eng complete with tandem galvanized roller trailer. you pay only the storage fee for the package. \$1,000.00 total price. boat comes with a bill of sale. sold strictly as is. \$1,000.00. Please call 781 - 340 - 0032.



Model: 1982 260 SL
Location: Oakley, CA
Asking Price: \$2,500

1982 26' CHRIS CRAFT STINGER. boat is in poor shape, but can be restored Twin Big block Chevy 454 merc cruiser drives with cleaver props. 130 gal fuel tank. Shoreline two axle trailer. port engine needs a starter, starbord engine a valve job. \$2500 obo. (925) 260-7578



Model: 1987 390 X
Location: Elkin, NC
Asking Price: \$8,750

1987 STINGER BY CHRIS CRAFT >>>TWIN 465 ... MERCS...BOAT MASTER TRIPLE AXLE TRAILER AL....beam 9 ft fule 300 gal cruse 40 max 65 draft 3 ftH2O 20 gal ...needs workcall...MIKE 336 466 0229 ...



Model: 1988 375
Location: Boynton Beach, FL
Asking Price: \$15,500

1988 CHRIS CRAFT STINGER 38 FOOT LONG ONLY 53 HOURS ON ENGINES TWIN 460'S FORD I/O WILL CONSIDER TRADE WITH BAJA 22 FEET AND UP AND OTHER BOATS CALL NICK 201-923-0991



Model: 1983 312 SL
Location: Bayville, NJ
Asking Price: \$12,000

Great Condition except needs transom work. Twin 454s, TRS Drives, Borg Warner Transmissions, Large Cabin, Triple Axle Trailer Call 732-522-1520. Looking for \$12,000.00 or best offer.



Model: 1984 230XL
Location: Cleveland, OH
Asking Price: \$4,000

nice 1984 chris craft stinger 230xl with 260 mrcruiser and a fresh alpha one outdrive. has thru hull exhaust and ss prop ,nice cuddy cabin and comes with all safty equipment. asking \$4000 obo



Model: 1988 312
Location: Chesepeake, OH
Asking Price: \$20,000

1988-2010 Chris Craft Stinger 312 You're bidding on a one of a kind 1988 Chris Craft Stinger 312. Winning Bidder will get a GREAT Boat and alot of fun times on the water. Boat is currently in dry storage and still winterized. Boat has seen RAIN 1 Time in the 4 Years i've owned it. Custom Paint / Interior / Engines and Many More! Serious Bidders Only - Please Contact me by Email with Any Question HutchJ69@zoominternet.net ----- Repowers / Rebuilt 2009-2010 New PPG Paint with 3 Coats of Clear sanded and buffed in 2009 New Livorsi 5" Monster Gauges with GPS SPEEDO with Carbon Fiber faces Knock Censors / Oxigen Censors in 09 ----- New Alpine CD player 2 Marine Controllers (1 on Dash, 1 on Back of Boat) with 1600 MMATS Big D on 4 JL12WO JL300/4 AMP on 4 Pairs of JL 6.5 Co-Axels Front/Rear in 2009 ----- Engines are Ford 460 30 over Full Roller Motor 2009-2010 Pro Comp Heads - Ported/Shaved 100 Thousand Edelbrock Air gap Intake Fel Pro Marine Gaskets Edelbrock 750 Marine Carb with 119 Jets Mains and Secondaries Edelbrock High Volume Water Pump Ford Facing Valve Covers - PBM Roller Rocker 1.7 MSD Distributors / 6AL BOX / 8.8 mm Wires - Auto Light Racing Plugs / Malory Coils ARP Mains / Rod Bolts "Custom Cams" - Roller Cam with Comp Cam Roller Lifters (Lift is 595 602) Seal Power Forged Flat Top 30 Over Pistons Melling High Volume Oil Pump Stock Crank/ Rods ----- New Refrigerator in 2008 New Cockpit Interior in 2009 (All Wood Was Replaced With Plywood With Resin Coating) New Trim Tabs / Pump in 2009 New Trim Motor in 2009 New Battery in 2009-2010 New Starter / Alternator in 2009 New "Hydromotive" 4 Blade 24 Pitch Props in 2010 ----- Purple Neons In Cock Pit / Engine Compartment and Under Swim Platform 4 Inch Threw Hull Exhaust (65 MPH at 4900 RPM at WOT) OMC King Cobra Out Drives ----- Trailer is 3 Axel Trailer that was made for the boat in 1988 (Not sure of the Brand Name) 2 New Tires - Other 4 have 75% Tred New Paint New Hydrolic Slave Cylinders ----- *** ISSUE WITH THE BOAT *** ENGINES HAVE TO BE SHUT DOWN BEFORE SWITCHING FORWARD TO REVERSE BECAUSE OF SWITCHING FROM POINTS TO ELECTRONIC IGNITION There Maybe A Fix Out There, But Haven't Been Able To Find Anyone With Answer Around Here) AND PAINT HAS MINOR WEAR AND TEAR ON OUT DRIVES



Model: 1987 415
Location: Detroit, MI
Asking Price: \$39,900

1987 offshore boat,0 hours on rebuilt engines,502 mercs with all the goodies. boat looks great on the outside(painted white in 2005)(new cushins in 2004) could use some love in some other spots. comes with a perfect con. Trailer. its in the water now if you would like to look at it. there is also a hydrohoist for sale that this boat has been on. Mike (248)417-0787



Model: 1985 260 SL

Location: Denton, TX

Asking Price: \$16,500

1985 Chris Craft Stinger 260, Twin 350(260hp) Chevy's, Merc Outdrives, 26ft plus swim platform, Great Stereo (12speakers, amp), GPS/Fish 6inch color, Road Runner trailer w/disc brakes. Trim Tabs, Clever Stainless Steel Props. Good clean Fun Boat. I have owned it for 12 years, I bought a larger boat so here she is, Your chance to own a classic Chris Craft! Will Trade For Tractor (55hp 4x4 w/loader) or only \$16500 Call anytime 817-368-9569



Model: 1987 312 Fittipaldi

Location: Dodge Center, MN

Asking Price: \$27,000

A great go fast boat that will impress everyone when flying by. Red in color with white and red accents interior that are stunning for the 30 yr old vessel. Grey interior for the aft cabin w/toilet, sink and older radio with room to spare. Radar arch with Lowrance depth finder for finding fish or that shoal. Twin 454 Chevrolet engines and outdrives that will push the boat to speeds of 60 and more. Triple axel aluminum trailer included that is very easy to pull and manuevor.



Model: 1986 260 SL

Location: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Asking Price: \$16,500

Boat in great condition, No stress cracks or damage. twin 350's with alpha drives, SS 21 degree prop No modifications, all original. Less then 500 original hours on boat and engines. Comes with GPS, Depth finder, Sink in cabin Bimini Top, Boat cover. Comes with trailer, bought new in 2006. Everything works. Very fast and stable in the water, 60 MPH on GPS Will trade for ATV plus cash. 416-258-0857



Model: 1987 202
Location: Ringwood, NJ
Asking Price: \$2,200

Hull is in good condition, stringers and transome look good. has a 4.3 ltr V6 Merc Cruiser engine but it is seized with a rod knock...it is not cracked. Boat needs interior and it comes with the trailer shown in the first photo. Clear title Pickup only from 07456. Cash SOLD AS IS ...call 973-839-1066 to discuss



Model: 1986 314S
Location: Nobel, Ontario, Canada
Asking Price: \$12,900

A 31 foot offshore stinger with twin 200 hp merc outboards, new paint job, interior good , cuddy very good shape, great in rough water 52 mph, motors excellent shape and can be heard running, lots of interior space. Trailer included. <mailto:dennyclark@live.com>



Model: 1987 312
Location: Kendall, FL
Asking Price: \$25,000

1987 CHRIS CRAFT STINGER WITH TITTLE IN HAND 2007 REDONE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE GARMIN GPS AND FISHFINDER CD PLAYER AND DVD SYTEM P,2 PLASMAS TVS 2008 NEW TRAILER LED LIGHTS ALL OVER 10 OPTIMASS BATTERYs ALL RIGS ARE NEW COVER INCLUDED I HAVE INVESTED MORE THAN 45K IN THIS BOAT IN BETWEEN HAUL AND PARTS AND LABOR JUST IN TIME FOR THE SUMMER GET IT NOW FOR THE LOW PRICE OF \$ 25000 MY LOSS IS YOUR GAIN. DONT WAIT ANY LONGER SUMMER IS HERE ELLIOT KEYS , CRANDON SHORE, HAULOVER BEACH TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS AMAZING TOY FOR ONE CHEAP PRICE IF U REALLY INTERESTED AND BRING A SERIOUS OFFER I WILL NOT DECLINE IT .I NEED TO SELL THE BOAT RIGHT AWAY . MORE PICTURES CAN BE FOUND HERE
<http://s1191.photobucket.com/albums/z461/yassgar/>



Model: 1987 260
Location: Lancaster, PA
Asking Price: eBay Auction

For sale with no reserve is this Chris Craft that I know very little about. It was left in a boat repair shop that is now out of business and needs to be gone within two weeks since the building has been sold. The boats needs motors and paint. The hull has been repaired and is in fine condition. This boat does not have a trailer. I honestly know very little about this boat. Listing for the owners of the boat shop and they just need it outta there. Would be a great project for someone that knows boats. It has been sitting for the past few years. Previous owner lost interest in the restore bought a new boat leaving this one behind. Thanks and please examine the pictures to see what your bidding on. I will attempt to answer any questions you may have. - We do not have the title to the boat. It will come with a bill of sale from the boat shop owner. The previous owner of the boat shop has since passed away and the current owner of the boat shop has no contact with the original owner of the boat. The original boat owner had the boat in the shop 5+ years ago to have the hull repaired and then decided to buy a new boat and just left this one sit with his bill, which is over \$15,000 by now with storage and labor fees. The boat will come with a bill of sale etc. that we can get notarized Please check with your local laws/regulations on how to legally register a boat and what is needed. I honestly have no idea. - The boat hull did have damage repair done to the port side which is pictured and is basically all white paint/primer. It is unknown the extent of the previous damage to the hull but it appears fine. I am not a boat guy so dont bet your life on it. - The starboard side of the boat still has the original paint and was undamaged. - The boat is currently in a garage suspended by chain hoists and a trailer would be able to back in under it.. unless it is a massive trailer. Lowboys may work but i would have to check the exact garage door dimensions. - There appears to be no drive train parts nor engines in the boat. Some cables throttle, speakers, misc wiring and cb are still there. - There is no swim platform on the boat - There is a sink, refrigerator and potty in the hull. I have no idea if they work.



Model: 1984? 312SL
Location: Camdenton, MO
Asking Price: \$3,500

Beautiful Chris Craft project boat. "Stinger Style" Cuddy that HAD twin 454's with TRS drives that were stolen out of boat. Only has transom casings and almost new K-Plain motors. All wiring is still in tact. MUST SELL NOW! No trailer. Call (314)565-0269



Model: 1984 390X
Location: House Spring, MO
Asking Price: eBay Auction

LOW RESERVE 42' SUPER BOAT!!! -Fresh 454's with Low Hours -Fresh TRS drives -K-Planes -Fresh Paint -Fresh Interior -Gaffrig Controls -Livorsi Speedo -Sound System -Triple axle trailer -Optima Marine Batteries -Shore Power -Bathroom!! This is a completely revamped 1984 Chris Craft Stinger 390, same boat at the original Miami Vice Boat!! Own a piece of history with this beauty and fly across the water just like Sonny and Crockett did back in the day. This boat is Chris Craft Quality at its finest and was their power boat flag ship but now has a modern look combined with modern technology. This boat measures 42' with swim platform. The entire boat has been gone through starting with a gorgeous paint job that shines like glass, all vinyl and seating has been replaced with fresh white vinyl and matching color graphics that match the boat's paint. Both 454's are fresh with 87 hours on one motor and 79 hours on the other. The drives are TRS drives and they were redone when the motors were redone. All the interior carpet has been replaced. It has a killer sound system complete with subs, amps, and aux plug in, it sounds fantastic!! All the gauges and dash were modernized complete with a Livorsi speedo. It has Gaffrig controls. All running lights and interior lights work as they should. This boat runs fantastic and is silky smooth in almost any condition. This boats jumps right up on plane and was GPS'd at 60mph at 85% throttle. All trim tabs and K-Planes work as they should. It even has 2 new Optima marine batteries complete with a battery selector. This boat originally had an old generator on it with AC. The original control panel is still in tact if someone wanted to mess with putting a modern unit back in it. All the original stainless sinks and faucets are also in tact but the water lines have been capped. Getting rid of the generator and capping the water lines makes for a headache free boat. All controls and lines are still in place so it would be relatively easy to go back to full water and full power/AC with a modern unit. This boat is now a breeze to winterize. It has a brand new removable toilet with battery operated flush, simple to clean with NO winterizing, This boat was revamped with ease of ownership in mind. This is a good looking and running boat that doesn't have the headache's of all the extra stuff that really never gets used. All the ropes, bumpers, and life vests you need come with the boat as well as a cleaning brush. The triple axle trailer shown in the pics is also included and has also been revamped with paint, wheels and tires, and axle parts. The trailer breaks do not work at this time simply because the trailer is used only to pull the boat in and out and to store. The breaks can easily be fixed by us if you plan to haul this boat all over and need a trailer with breaks. This is also a fresh water boat from Missouri which means salt water hasn't been eating away at this boat all its life! There are small scuffs on the front typical from loading it on the trailer and one small scratch on the side from the storage facility which said they didn't do, of course. These are minor blemishes like all boats, just letting you know. The lettering on the back of the boat is like new and is vinyl lettering so it can be easily peeled off with your fingers if you don't like this boat's name. This boat also has an excellent size swim platform as well as a huge padded sun bathing platform which makes it a great day boat. It also has shore power, a cockpit cover, and a full storage cover. Did I mention most of the engine compartment is lined with checker plate and looks awesome? The power engine hatch is also all new and updated. This is a great running, driving, and looking boat for the money that doesn't have all the maintenance headaches associated with most big boats. Jump in, fill er up, have fun, and your done! Please let me know if you have any question and thanks for looking.



Model: 1987 202
Location: Tampa, FL
Asking Price: \$5,000

Motor newly rebuilt, great classic boat. Call Jay 813-695-0418



Model: 1984 260SL
Location: Miramichi, Canada
Asking Price: \$12,000

28 foot stinger, completely redone from top to bottom! 454 with approx 550 horsepower, custom candy red paint job, thru hull exhaust, fresh engine and drive unit! price is firm!!!



Model: 1987 202
Location: Fairview Heights, IL
Asking Price: \$6,000

For sell is a 1987 21ft chris craft stinger 202. Boat looks and runs awesome new paint last year and the interior was done 2 years ago also comes with the trailer. The boat has a 4.3L v6 merc cruiser great on gas. Asking \$6000 or best offer no low ballers may be willing to do a partial trade for a sport bike. If interested call or text me at 618 567 5102 thanks I can also send more pictures



Model: 1984 390X

Location: Duluth, MN

Asking Price: \$26,900

1984 Chris Craft 390 Stinger Boat for sale. Length overall with swim platform is 42'. Has two 454's with new velvet transmission, TRS drives, all new bearings and seals and Kieffer trim tabs. On triple axel Eagle trailer. Turn-key Miami Vice cruiser! If interested in purchasing call 715-372-4797. (similar to Fountain, Formula, Baja, cigarette or cigar boats)



Model: 1988 202

Location: Florida Keys

Asking Price: \$5,500

CHRIS CRAFT STINGER 202 FT 1988 INCLULLE TRAILER DE DOS HEJES,PISO NUEVO MOTOR CHEVY 350 PATA ALFA 1