



April, 2020 Newsletter

Welcome to the April, 2020 newsletter.

Since the last newsletter, 5 more Stingers have been added to the registry, bringing the total to 973.

One of the Stingers added to the registry this past month is a rare 1986 260 – rare because it's only one of 10 260s I know of that were built under license by Grew Manufacturing in Canada. You can see the boat in the for sale section below or on the website – the name of the boat is [Dabra](#).

Another of the Stingers added to the registry is the subject of this month's article "Lost Stinger of Minnetonka Lake" – I hope

you enjoy the article as much as I did!

Please stay safe out there!

Until next month,
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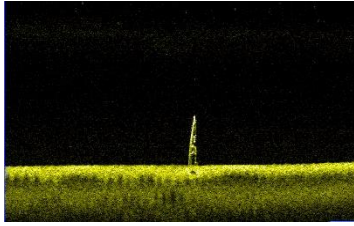
Lost Stinger of Minnetonka Lake

This past month, in looking for books to read at The Internet Archives, I ran across a publication with an interesting article. The publication: [Lake Minnetonka Nautical Archaeology 9 Project Report](#). The publication is full of reports of research done on items found at the bottom of Lake Minnetonka in Minnesota.

The report is created by the [Maritime Heritage Minnesota](#) (MHM) organization. MHM is

dedicated to documenting and preserving all items it finds at the bottom of the lake - items which they consider to be submerged cultural resources, something I'm in agreement with.

As for the article itself... In the report, MHM says they ran across a faint sonar image recorded in 2011 when scanning the bottom of Lake Minnetonka. The sonar image was so faint it was missed at first. After re-reviewing the sonar data, MHM decided to conduct a more detailed scan in August, 2018. The new scan revealed a definite hit. In June 2019 they sent an ROV down to investigate. The ROV was operated by Nick Nothom of Digilabs.

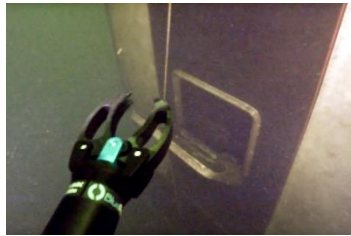


The ROV returned back pictures of an intact 1986 Chris-Craft Stinger 260 SL LTD. The stern of the boat is stuck in the mud at 74', with the bow rising approximately 18'-20' above the bottom of the lake. Pictures of the boat show that a full cockpit cover is still attached to the boat, and the deck hatches are open. One of the cushions from the sundeck is wedged into the interior of the windshield, and the top of the cuddy door is open.



The Stinger is in relatively good condition. The bow spotlight and anchor light

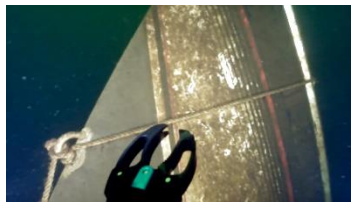
are intact, and the windshield is not cracked.



The registration sticker on the boat has a date of 1990. According to the DNR, the boat sank prior to December, 1990.



There is no record of how the boat sank, however MHM surmises that the boat was under tow when sunk – this is because there is a tow line attached to the bow towing loop that has been cut.



There is no visible damage to the boat, and because of this MHM thinks the boat sank because the hull plug was not inserted, or that an

outdrive boot was damaged, or some other through-hull fitting leaked.

From the pictures provided by MHM and Nick Nothom, the Stinger would have looked similar to this boat:



From the pictures, I have to say that the Stinger at the bottom of the lake looks to be in better condition than some of the Stingers I've seen above water!

MHM reports that they will probably do a manned SCUBA dive on the wreck this summer. If and when they do I will provide an update in the newsletter.

If you'd like to see more pictures from the boat, head to the [website](#).

I wanted to thank the Maritime Heritage Minnesota and Nick Nothom for allowing me to use their pictures and report for this article.

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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: 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>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>
	<p>Model: 1986 390 Location: Tulsa, OK Asking Price: \$4,800</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 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: 1986 314
Location: Huntington Station, NY
Asking Price: \$5,000

Twin 1997 Yamaha EFI 250 hp outboard motors with 208 hrs Tri axel trailer Ez project motors run started.



Model: 1986 314
Location: Hollywood, FL
Asking Price: \$15,000

For sale a 1986 Chris Craft Scorpion Stinger 314 with dual outboard engines Yamaha 225 (1987 & 1989) with a 35 ft. trailer, needs minor work with one engine, reason for sale, have two boats \$15,000 OBO



Model: 1986 312
Location: Gallatin, MO
Asking Price: \$7,242

Check out this awesome value for a BIG boat and trailer! This is out of our wheelhouse so we are looking to sell as is! We have started and ran both motors, will need steering work. This can be really cool boat for somebody who can put in some sweat equity! Priced according to condition! 31' 6" Length , 8' Beam Includes Homemade Triple Axle Trailer Twin 454 7.4L V8 Motors Snap Cockpit Cover Sold As Is Due to size of this boat, we are unable to offer test drives.



Model: 1986 260 (Manufactured by Grew)
Location: Nixon, TX
Asking Price: \$3,000

360 hp 5.7 liter Chevy Mercruisers Engines with external Mallory ignitions boxes. Thru hull exhausts never been in salt water. Twin 280 hp Mercruisers Bravo I outdrives w/SS props. Hydraulic trim tabs and a swim deck extends 2 feet. All floors are solid no rot. The cabin interior needs to be redone. Boat has been sitting for 10 yrs. But the engines run great. Serious buyers only.



Model: 1984 312
Location: Sunrise Beach, MO
Asking Price: \$13,000

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.



Model: 1984 260
Location: Oroville, CA
Asking Price: \$14,000

Selling my 1984 Chris Craft Stinger 260. It has newer paint and interior (three years ago). The starboard motor was rebuilt lat year and has 0 hours on it. The port motor was rebuilt tree years ago and has 3 hours on it. Outdrives have been serviced and have new trim sensors. The boat runs strong and cruises at 40-45 mph with a top speed of 63 mph. It comes with two sets of stainless cleaver props 19 pitch and 21 pitch (\$450 each to buy new). Newer tri axle trailer with disk surge brakes.