

# September, 2019 Newsletter

Welcome	to	the
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This past month, three boats were added to the registry bringing the total to 942. One of the boats added to the registry is a 1987 312 Fittipaldi, named "Red Boat", that's been sitting in storage for over a decade. This boat is also up for sale – you can see it in the for-sale section below, or click on the following link to see more pictures:

https://chriscraftstingers.c om/gallerypage.php?galle rydir=Red%20Boat.

Until next month, Han

## Wined Up

Some Stingers have rather interesting histories. As mentioned in last month's newsletter. the Kvnex 312 won the Stinger Golden Gate to Spruce Goose Chase race in 1985. Other Stingers have shown up in television series or movies. Δ Stinger 260 was featured in an episode of Pawn Stars, and a 312 Fittipaldi was prominent in the movie Tequila Sunrise. And of course, the premier and 1st season of Miami Vice prominently featured the Stinger 390.

All of the boats mentioned pre-1987 above were In 1987 Chrismodels. Craft started rolling out a completely new design for the larger Stingers. This new design was commonly referred the to as European styling and included rounded bodv lines instead of the harsh. straight edges of the earlier models.

As the European styled models were introduced

near the end of production for the Stingers, there were fewer of them made and thus fewer had histories as interesting as the older Stingers. One exception, though, is a 1987 415 named "Wined Up".

The story of Wined Up first came to me by way of Rune Hjelmen in Norway. Rune had bought the boat in 2015 from the previous The previous owner. owner had found that the transom, stringers and spars had rotted. He thus started major structural work on the boat to replace the rotted out members. But, by 2015, the owner decided to sell the boat before completing the project.



After purchasing the boat, about Rune set to complete the work on the boat, sourcing new engines and parts. In 2018, Rune completed work on the hardware and installed the engines. In the beginning of 2019, Rune completed interior work including new wiring, upholstery and gauges.

After countless hours of work, and a good sum of money, Wined Up was relaunched in April, 2019. Rune says that with the new Volvo Penta D6 370 engines, top speed is around 55mph.



In conversing with Rune about the progress of the boat, he mentioned something interesting. He told me that the boat had started its life as a support boat for offshore races in Guernsey, a small island off of the coast of France in the English Channel.

After а little more research, I found that in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Class One Power Boat weeks were held in Guernsey, and Wined Up was used as a support boat for the races. The races were brought to the island By Dick Ridout, who, it turns out, owned Wined Eventually, Up. Dick would become a realestate developer on the Island.

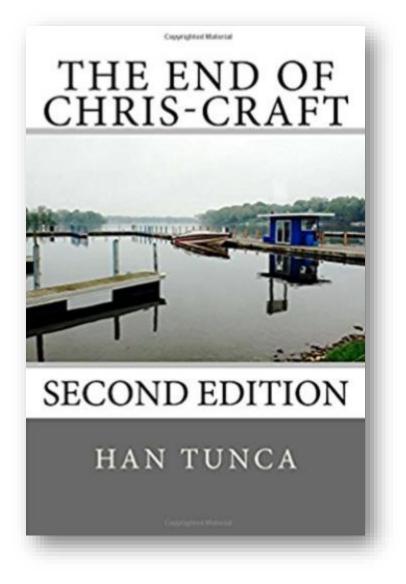
Trying to find more information about Wined

Out, I reached out to Dick His son James Ridout. responded, saying that the family always wondered what happened to Wined Up. James has told me that he will be providing more history on the boat including an "album of pictures... that dad has of her being built in America, shipped to Guernsey, sign written here and then loaded on a trailer to head to St Tropez for the Class One World Powerboat race that was happening there, before going to Monaco for the World Championship and then becoming the World face of the Championship held in Guernsey!" In addition, James sent along the following picture you see in this newsletter of Wined Up in a boat parade in 1990. The picture begs



the question – just how many people can you fit on a Stinger?

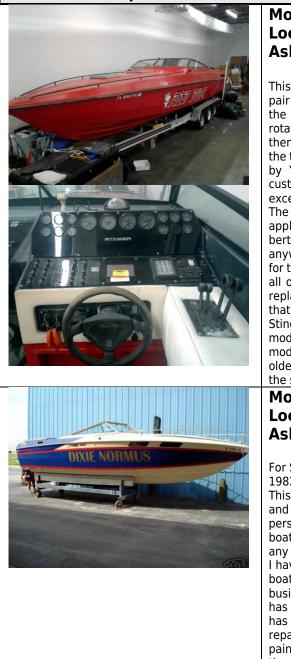
I really love stories like this, a history of a Stinger that unfolds to reveal more information. Rest assured that once I hear more of this fantastic Stinger, I will feature it in a future newsletter.



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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 <u>ccstinger@gmail.com</u>.



## 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 vinvl 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.

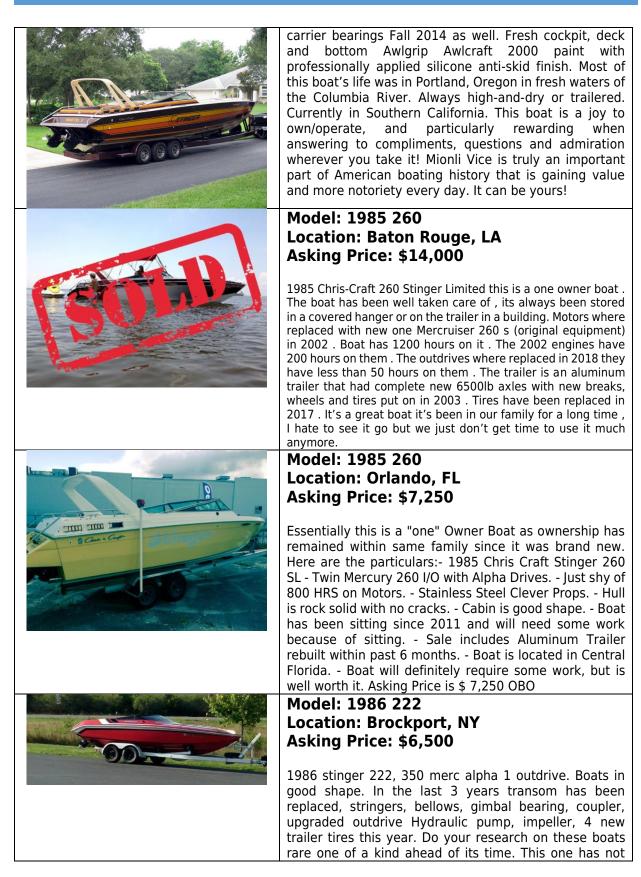
## Model: 1982 260 Location: Waukegan, IL Asking Price: \$21,000

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 guite 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

<image/>	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 260 Location: Lake Minnetonka, MN Asking Price: \$14,000
	1983 Chris Craft Scorpion stinger 260 sl *****Rare Factory Miami Vice Colors -Short windshield -Rear spaced Arch**** Same owner for 30 + years** Great Boat - Great Performance!! Eng's 350 / 4 bolt mains Recently rebuilt -Balanced and blue- Printed to over 400H.P. Alum 2.02 Angles plug heads- Crane Full roller rockers With Eddie Marine Custom exhaust Alpha One drives fully serviced this spring of 19'*** New Interior And flooring Spring of 2018 Comes with dual Axle trailer This has been a great Boat & was NOT looking to sell. Health issues are changing my course of ownership I really wish i could keep it \$14,000 Or Best Cash offer
	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
NY BOOS FE	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: Lexington, SC
	Asking Price: \$18,000
	32' performance power boat1984 Chris craft stinger 312(mostly all redone in 2019) Twin 454 big blocks 660 HP Velvet drive transmissions Bullet proof TRS drives Stainless steel 3 blade props NEW thru hull exhaust system from Teague Custom Marine. NEW impellers April 2019 on both sides. NEW upholstery at trim couch and sun deck that matches with the wrap colors. NEW Killer JL audio system with large sub and 4 6.5" speakers. NEW Red led light rings around all speakers. NEW full custom wrap installed April of 2019. Boat gets complimented every where it goes and catches every eye. NEW custom built aluminum swim platform April 2019.NEW rhino line install on 34' trailer. NEW tires on trailer x6 maybe 400 miles on tires. NEW carpet in cabin April 2019. NEW custom designed and built access ladder at front of trailer to access bow effortlessly. NEW wood bunks and bunk carpet. Large cabin space with 2 couches and nice side bed. Full red LED lighting throughout boat. Hull in great shape no gashes or gouges dry hull. Call with any questions or for additional pics. Selling to upgrade to larger boat \$18,000 priced reduced to sell, need to upgrade before end of summer.

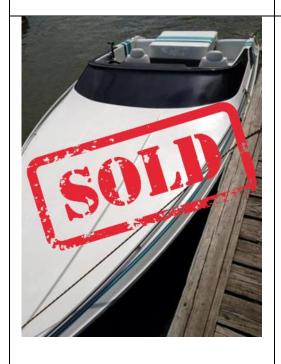




	been molested and turned into something it wasn't
	meant to be. Make me an Offer.
	Model: 1986 222
	Location: Benton, LA
	Asking Price: \$10,500
TT E299 HZ	10,500 OBO Good solid boat Needs a little TLC 454 motor 4 inch wet jet Needs outdrive seal and upholstery done. 5,000 trailer all aluminum Custom 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
100 JANNY	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
and the second states with the	Location: Tulsa, OK
	Asking Price: \$4,800
CONVAS780C	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 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"I rear stringer replaced, a new 36"w x 72"I 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 202 Location: Rochester, NY Asking Price: \$8,000

I have a super rare 88' chris craft stinger 202 for sale. It has 165 hours on the hull. This boat is like brand new. I literally just finished it. This is the coolest fiberglass speedboat that Chris Craft ever made and was made for the Miami Vice tv series. They were built in very limited quantities and there are only a handful of these left. There is a website dedicated to them, I know of no other boats that have a cult following. I built this one to be better than it was originally. It is an attention grabber. I get compliments on it wherever I am and have had numerous offers on it even before I restored it. I'm selling it because I'm getting married and need the money. I just put well over \$7500 into it this summer alone and have well over 12K into it total. I had planned to use it but sadly, it needs to go. Weddings are insanely expensive and I'm finding out the hard way. I replaced the motor and outdrive. It has an OMC 4.3L v-6 and an OMC cobra outdrive. Next, I gutted the boat completely and installed

new marine ply, fiberglass, carpet, custom-built seats and engine cover and had everything professionally upholstered. I installed a new GT steering wheel, a Sony marine cd/mp3/satellite radio, which sounds awesome, a new bilge pump, new fuel lines, new aluminum swivel/slider/adjustable height seat posts and new Tracker style folding seats. The interior work cost over \$4K alone but was well worth it. It came out awesome. I had a 4bbl. Rochester carb installed which brings the HP up to 205 and will do over 60MPH. I had the pin striping re-done on the boat and matching Shorelander trailer. I replaced the tires, lights, and started to strip and repaint the entire trailer. It also has a new deep cycle battery. There are 2 swim platforms molded into the stern that have teak footboards and they were also refinished and look great. I also just purchased a new trailerable cover for it. I even just filled the tank with ethanol free 93- octane fuel. I'm probably forgetting a lot. If you're interested you must include the words eighty-eight chris craft to get a response due to spammers. I know it's the wrong time of the year to sell a boat and I could get more for it this spring which is why I priced it where it is. It is well worth the money. Chris craft builds the very best boats around and this one is better than new.
Model: 1988 260
Location: Kingston, NY
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 upholstry 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: 1988 260 Location: Norfolk, VA Asking Price: \$15,500

1988 Chris-Craft 260 Stinger Limited Legendary style and performance, nothing cuts through the water like a Chris-Craft. The 1988 model line saw a more radically restyled line of Stingers. This restyling was led by lim 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 been completely rebuilt in 2016. Both motors and exhaust manifolds where 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 guiet) great for family, friends, and fun. Also engines have closed loop cooling system so no salt water is on the engine block. The outdrives where 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 just will 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 Will consider possible trades.

	Model: 1987? 313 Location: Daytona Beach, FL Asking Price: \$16,000 Chris craft stinger 313 runs good good Trailer
The second secon	Model: 1988 312 Location: Detroit, MI Asking Price: \$29,900
	A Chris Craft go fast!! 1989 Chris Craft Stinger 312 Powered by Twin Mercruiser 454s with Bravo 1 outdrives. Boat is in excellent shape. Was stored out of the water indoors most of its life. Just moved onto a canal this summer so time to make a change. Extremely clean, all upholstery in excellent shape. Adjustable captains and passenger bolstered seats. Dual batteries with dual switches. Fire suppression system. Built in porta potty. Sink, ice box. Sony Bluetooth radio. Has new cockpit and full body covers. Fire up and go. TONS more pictures if needed. Currently winterized and wrapped but available to see really anytime. Off season asking 29900 for Boat AND Trailer. Will sell boat only if someone doesn't need the trailer. Boat does include the trailer. I have a new triple axle Aluminum trailer as seen in photos.
	Model: 1987 222 Location: Fankfort, KY Asking Price: \$6,000
	This is a 1987 with a big block 454 runs 66-71 mph depending on load and is a center console! This boat rides as well as ANY 24ft offshore. Does have a nice cabin sleeps 2 very well and can sleep 4. This is a great deal on a awesome powerboat. Aluminum I beam trailer that is worth half the asking price. This price is firm, would take a very nice fishing Kayak as partial trade. Reason for selling, fishing every chance I get!







## 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.

#### Model: 1984 312 Location: Asking Price: \$20,000

Well it's time to sell the backdraft if you know anybody. 20grand Canadian 312 stinger. Wife wants a cabin cruiser.

## Model: 1984 260 Location: Jersey Shore, NJ Asking Price: \$5,800

Model: 1987 202

Selling my 1984 Chris craft 260 stinger. Has twin 5.7 Mercruiser's with about 800 hours with alpha drives. Boat needs two things to be mechanically good, missing the pump for the trim tabs but the lines and harness is there. And the starboard engine needs a distributor. Engine runs but cuts out at around 2,200 rpm, mechanic at marina diagnosed it to be distributor. Port engine runs perfect. Both engines just recently had plugs changed, oil and fuel filters. Port engine also has new fuel pump and starter. Both drives just serviced and impellers changed. Boat also has new batteries as well. Brand new radio with two new speakers in the wing and two 8" speakers in the rear seat as well as blue leds all around the cockpit. Interior is in good shape rear seats and rear sun pads were just redone. Boat used to have a buddy seat but one of the previous owners took that out and replaced it with a side by side seat with a cooler and a single drivers seat. Galley is in great shape has a little sink and a porta potty. Comes with a roller trailer that's in good shape just replaced winch on the front and took it 4 hours and back no issues. Boat is older and not in the greatest of shape being its age but is a very solid boat. Did about 62 top speed just needs a distributor to get it up and going I don't have any more time to mess with it so I'm selling it as is. Make a reasonable offer! Have title for boat and trailer!

