

#### Welcome to the April, 2014 **Newsletter!**

Welcome to the April, 2014 newsletter! The newsletter was a little late going out this month due to a family vacation.

This past month, more Stingers were added to the registry. There are now 669 Stingers in the registry. To see a break-down by model and year of the Stingers in the registry, make sure to check out the registry website page on the at: http://chriscraftstingers.com/registry. php.

Over the years, as I've documented more and more Stingers, the number added to the registry per month has declined. The information for most of the Stingers that are currently documented either come from owners contacting me or by boats listed for sale on the Internet. I suspect that there are owners out there who are not familiar with the Internet. I do my best to get the word out about my website, and whenever I'm traveling I'm looking for Stingers. Should you come across a Stinger in your travels, feel free to snap a few pictures and send them my way.

Until next month, Han

#### **Price Sheets**

In researching the Stingers, one of the more interesting pieces of documentation I've come across are price sheets for the boats. The price sheets were originally put out by Chris-Craft and listed not only the price for each boat, but also the price for factory options.

As an example of what one can find in the price sheets, I will use a 1984 312 SL Stinger. For 1984, one could buy a 312 SL Stinger in the following configurations for the following amounts:

- \$59.559
- 2-370 Mercs-TRS Drives: \$71,995
- 2-400 Mercs-TRS Drives: \$78,295

Once you had selected your engine combination, you had the following factory options you could choose from:

- Extinguisher system, halon: \$545
- Ice box: \$95
- Imron paint finish: consult dealer
- Lights, docking: \$365

- Marine head: \$125
- Shipping cover: \$505
- Speedometer: \$75
- Spotlight, remote: \$380
- Stereo with 2 speakers: \$575
- "Stinger" letters on side: \$400
- Swim platform, teak: \$640
- Swim platform, fiberglass: \$640
- Trim tabs, heavy duty, in place of std: \$1790.

2-330 Mercs-TRS Drives: Interesting list to say the least. For 1984, there were three 312 models listed, the 312 SL, the 312 SL Limited, and the 312 Competition. The top of the line 312 Competition with 2-460 Mercs-TRS drives had a list price from the factory of \$130,595.

> The price sheets include a listing of other Stingers as well as other models including the Chris-Cat offshore catamarans. If you are interested in the price lists, you can view the ones I have on the models page of the website at. http://chriscraftstingers.com/models. html. I believe you will find them an interesting read.

# **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 for sale, and need more information, please contact me at <a href="https://ccstinger@gmail.com">ccstinger@gmail.com</a>.



Model: 1982 312 Location: Destin, FL Asking Price: \$9,500

This is a classic example of Murray Boat (aka Chris Craft) 80's version of the sport 'cigarette'. This boat is all original. . .twin Mercruiser 300HP (454 cid) V8's, with pre TRS outdrives that are known to be all but bulletproof, velvet drive transmission (still goes in an out of gear like butter) and all original instrument panel, original cleaver props. Teak is in excellent condition. Does not have through hull exhaust so no waking the world when you cruise, can hear the whine of those big V-8's instead. . .a beautiful noise for those that appreciate a big blocks in sync. No serious dings or cracks, paint is in good condition. Engines had a partial top end overhaul in 2010; new risers, alternators, seawater pumps, refreshed oil pan's, refurbished cooling plumbing and new water distribution manifold plus NEW transom. Now for the 'others', last time the boat ran was in 2010 during the poker run and haven't had it in the waters since. Port engine has a outdrive lift leak. Stbd engine has an electrical problem that needs troubleshooting. Engines ran fine for the poker run, electrical issue is causing it not to crank. Trailer is in fair condition goes with boat in sale. Original Chris Craft emblems are mostly in good shape, some have corrosion. Interior flooring is new with rebuilt steps. Original interior other than that. Overall this boat is sound, will need some work, but if you appreciate a classic it is a labor of love. Engines are completely original and ran smooth in 2010. Selling because I dont' have a truck anymore and no time to work on it anymore, this is a classic boat and hard to find one in overall this good condition. If I were to prioritize work to get on the water, troubleshoot electrical issue on stb engine (I have pics of where I think the problem is), fix port engine trim, tune up and carb rebuild. . .start and push the throttles forward! Additional photo's for serious inquiries, I have tons of pics that highlight every inch of the boat. Price is reasonable for such a rare find!



#### Model: 1979 Excalibur 310 Location: Henderson, NV Asking Price: \$33,500

Financial problems are forcing me to sell my 31' Excalibur by Chris-Craft. CUSTOM BILLET DASH LIVORSI RACE GUAGES. BRAND NEW INTERIOR STILL IN PLASTIC NOT INSTALLED. BED AREA MEMORY FOAM. 7500 STEREO SYSTEM WITH 22 INCH TV THAT PLAYS OFF IPOD. LIVORSI THROTTLES. REBUILT MOTOR WITH 0 HOURS 454'S TWINS. TRS DRIVES REBUILT 0 HOURS. TRANSMISSIONS REBUILT O HOURS. NEW TRANSOM AND STRINGERS. 4 - POWDER COATED BLUE BILLET BATTERY BOXES. 2 ONBOARD BATTERTY CHARGERS. TOO MUCH TOO LIST. PRETTY MUCH NEW EVERYTHING. A GREAT OLD BOAT WITH EVERYTHING NEW





# Model: 1982 312 Location: Monroe, MI Asking Price: \$13,500

1982 312 Chris Craft Stinger, twin 454's 330hp each, trs drives. Boat's in decent shape, we put about 4K in the engines in 2011, all new gaskets, hardware, cast aluminum headers, exhaust tips, valve job. Gages are liquid filled about 5 years old. Trailer is aluminum I-Beam, all stainless hardware and disc brakes. The main problem is the gas tank developed a slow leak and needs to be repaired. It's a 150 gallon under the deck tank. Distributors have pertronix electronic ignitions installed.

#### Model: 1982 312 Location: Colfax (Sacramento), CA Asking Price: \$25,000

Selling my 35 foot Go Fast Boat 1982 Chris Craft Stinger 312 SL. TWIN Engines! Reliable, low hour(under 140 hrs) fuel Injected Mercruiser 502 engines (about 500 hp each). Well cared for and in incredible condition New Interior, just re-done in blue and white with Eddie Marine Billet Aluminum Seat Bolsters! I have moved and don't have the desire to store it and with new twin boys, we not use it much. Its time for someone else to enjoy her. 3 sets of props (mirage 25p and 27p, 25p cleavers) Triple axle trailer, just serviced. Just under 80 mph on GPS. \$25,000 Serious only and absolutely NO SOLICITORS!

# Model: 1983 312 Location: Loretto, MN Asking Price: \$9,000

Boat is apart. Twin 330 Horse Mercruiser 454"s Velvet drive transmissions and TRS outdrives. On a steel galvanized trailer. Boat is white and blue and would need a complete interior. I have the old interior but needs to be redone. One of the 454's is freshly rebuilt. Stainless steel props. This would be a great performance boat when done. I just don't have the time to do it.



#### Model: 1984 260 Location: Miramichi, New Brunswick, 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: 1984 390 Location: Stuart, FL Asking Price: \$55,000

One of the finest 390s in existence, particularly in the rare beige/brown/yellow/orange color scheme. All original engines and out-drives; right down to the clever props! Also original hardware, color, stereo, refrigerator, gauges and graphics. Still tops out at 60mph with light load. Engines recently rebuilt.



#### Model: 1984 390 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 axle Eagle trailer. Turnkey Miami Vice cruiser!





#### Model: 1985 260 Location: Lusby, MD Asking Price: \$15,000

Too much to list - Complete Restoration, New Twin Merc 383 stroker packages with Bravo out-drives (all New, still under warranty(3yr warranty) and avail extended warranty. Complete drive-train put in last year. has trailer and kept on a boat lift, "all" work professionally done by Marina/certified mechanic. Not a handyman special. Have all receipts and documentation top to bottom. Comes with Slip fees paid for the rest of the year, full use and on remote controlled lift. \*\*\*Gauge cluster is the only thing on the boat that has not been upgraded, updated or replaced yet on entire boat\*\*\* The outdrives were stolen a few months back (however a clean theft, very professional, boat, transom nor any cables were damaged or broken)and I am just trying to make up the difference from the pay off. So someone will get a good deal for most of nothing. 15 k takes the whole package, 72k into it (minus outdrives of course)

#### Model: 1985 260 Location: McGregor, MI Asking Price: \$9,900

26' 1985 Chris Craft Stinger for sale. 2 260HP motors. Comes with trailer. This boat is in good condition with newer upholstery. The exterior color is red/white and the cuddy is gray. There is a newer stereo system, small sink with storage area and porta potti below, a bimini top and cockpit cover. I can email extra photos if needed.



# Model: 1985 390 Location: St Clair Shores, MI Asking Price: \$27,500

1985 Chris Craft Stinger 39'. This is the original Miami Vice boat. 2 - 465hp 502ci Mercruiser engines with Gil Exhaust (these were bought as brand new dropins from Mercruiser) approximately 400 hours on both TRS Drives Hydraulic trim tabs 4 Blade stainless props (A perfectly matched prop for the boat) cruise 35 top speed 56-60 Drives were gone through last season Interior professionally redone at the beginning of this season Brand new 3m scotchprint vinyl wrap done at the beginning of the season Brand new sound system installed at the beginning of this season (not cheap junk either) Comes with a boat slip at emerald city marina for the remainder of the season The boat is currently in the water and used every weekend. Test rides available for serious buyers. This is a turn key boat that needs nothing to use daily. The boat cuts the water and is super smooth even when the water is choppy. There are no problems with getting the boat on plane either, and is one of the best smoothest offshores I've ever been on.

# Model: 1986 222 Location: Point Edward, ON, Canada Asking Price: \$15,500

immaculate, stored inside and as original as possible 22' Chris craft Stinger 222 center console powerboat. 30 hours on rebuilt small block merc engine done by Rudy Held performance, 10.1 flat top pistons, aluminum heads and intake, 750cfm holly, MSD ignition system, marine cam with 272 duration, roller rockers, chrome dress up kit. rebuilt out-drive with 19" Stainless prop (spare included), runs out at 58mph. Length 22'2". Beam 94". Power hatch with mirrored panels in engine compartment. seats 3 up front and 2 at rear. Has new custom made 65gal fuel tank. excellent on gas and a "must see eye catcher". Custom tandem axle matching trailer, led lites. SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY.



# Location: Brookeville, MD Asking Price: Free to a Good Home

I have a 1986 stinger 312 that I am trying to get rid of. It is only the hull. Interior is stripped and outside is 50 percent sanded down. If you know of anyone interested in this boat let me know. I have to get rid of it ASAP. Not asking anything for it. I don't have a trailer but if someone wants it all they have to do is come get it or unfortunately I am going to throw it away.



#### Model: 1987 222 Location: Dearborn, MO Asking Price: \$13,500

Model: 1986 312

Classic 1987 Chris Craft Stinger 222 with a 454/400Hp.This is a Mini Offshore Racing Style Boat With cuddy cabin and Tilt Center Steering Wheel With Clear Title. It has a complete tune-up, new starter, new coil, new marine battery, new thermostat, new impeller, new blower, oil changes, new stereo, trailer with new tires/rear tail lights, sundeck upholstery and enough new upholstery to redo it again. It also comes with 4 skivests,4 Docking buoys, 2 anchors and is primed and ready to go on the lake. I am asking 13,500.00 but I Am Willing To negotiate or Make Possible Trade For Great Condition Low Miles Chevy Conversion van or Handyman Special Home In Decent Neighborhood. Serious inquiries only please.



#### Model: 1987 312 Location: Salem, VA Asking Price: \$25,000

For Sale is a Designer Series Chris Craft Fittipaldi Equipe Stinger. It has Twin 454 Mercruiser engines with 365 hrs on one and 359 hrs on other. Has Alpha One Out drives and 14x25 Solas props. It's 37ft. Trailer was custom built by Roadrunner Trailers of Texas. Feel free to e-mail or phone me with any questions. Thanks' for looking. Here is some info about this Boat..This is the Boat that was in the Movie " Tequila Sunrise (1988)" The yellow stripe was added after the movie. It was bought from the producer of the movie. Also, I cost over 60K new.



#### Model: 1987 312 Location: Vancouver, BC, Canada Asking Price: \$25,000

1987 Chris-Craft stinger is great condition, no stress cracks anywhere, never been left in water. twin 365hp 454 magnums set up for fuel economy has full cabin except head wet bar huge stereo, triple axle trailer with electric brakes. i paid 40k a few years ago but have no time for it anymore. i will not refuse any reasonable offer . i am also willing to trade for a car of equal value preferably a 2007 avalanche .



#### Model: 1987 390 Location: Hilton Head Island, SC Asking Price: \$89,500

1987 Chris Craft Stinger 42ft. Mercruiser twin 496 engines, Myco trailer, deck awning, head, 3 batteries and fiberglass hull. We purchased the boat as a hull then totally restored it about 10 years ago. About 6 years ago we installed two new 496 magnum merc cruiser engines with currently about 200 miles. We rewired the entire boat about 3 years ago. This season we replaced the manifolds So the boat has been maintained and is in good working order I would characterize the finishes of the boat as "worn around the edges" but as hinges and snaps corrode we replace them The boat has a working head & shower Galley/ microwave/ref/sink TV stereo/cd/sat system/ ipod dock deck compass GPS



#### 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 speed boat 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 on using 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 Shorelandr 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 foot boards 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: Rocky Mount, MO Asking Price: \$11,500

This is a 1988 Chris Craft Stinger 260. It has twin 260hp 350 cid small blocks with mercruiser Alpha ones. The boat was painted by Vincent custom paint several years back and has a custom fairing. The boat runs and drives great. It has a great sounding stereo with iPod controls wired and wireless remote and 10" sub. The interior is pretty decent with most of it having been redone the interior cabin needs finished. Comes with a 10,000 lb Fiber steel lift. I have owned this boat since 1997 and used it a lot.it is far from perfect but is in ready to use condition. \$11,500 or may trade for muscle car, UTV, diesel truck



# Model: 1988 260 Location: Virginia Beach, VA Asking Price: \$10,500

88 Chris Craft Stinger with 2- 330hpr 350 V8's We have redone all the exterior upholstery and 90% of the interior. New stereo and VHS Port engine has 50 hrs stbd has 300 hrs Remaining issues Stbd engine has a leaking exhaust manifold that needs to be addressed. I am connecting the stereo and VHS before it sells. I have also been reinforcing the swim deck. This boat is well worth the money and leaves plenty of room to make money on this boat if that is your choice. I have all documentation from new and from the original owner. Worth the time to look and see if it's your ticket to the Prop Stop.



# Model: 1988 312 Location: Pueblo, CO Asking Price: \$21,500

33ft Chris Craft Stinger 312 1988 Twin Ford 460 7.5L V8 engines, only 360 hours on both, runs like a striped ape. 65mph on Pueblo Reservoir Great condition, everything works great, has freshwater sink, icebox, couch and table that turns into a bed with another bed up front, Sleeps 3 people 4000 Watt stereo with 15 speakers Meticulously maintained its whole life. Willing to trade for a Cabin Cruiser or House Boat. Can add cash to deal if your trade is worth more



#### Model: 1987 415 Location: Washago, ON, Canada Asking Price: \$38,000

Rare 41.5 ft offshore stinger. New 572 super charged engines 700 HP built by Hawk marine inc.. Trs drives. Heat, air condition. newer interior. Camper top. Travel top. Tri axle trailer.



This is a 26 ft chriscraft stinger/ with two chevy 350 engines. The engines have 70 hours on them. The boat has new upholstery, and it runs well.



#### Model: 1986 222 Location: Hahira, GA Asking Price: \$7,000

I have a boat that I need to get rid of. I hardly ever use it and would like someone to enjoy it. I originally bought the boat back in 2005 and purchased just the hull for \$1k. I rebuilt the boat from front to back from bottom to top. The boat was repainted and graphics were painted on. The boat has a 5.7I mercruiser with a Alpha One Gen II outdrive. The motor came with a point distributor and a coil pack, that was taken out 2 months ago and was replaced with a MSD High Marine Distributor along with new wires and plugs with a Holly Marine Carb. Exhaust is 4" with flappers. Gauges or Livorsi (oil, temp, battery, volt, rpm.) Front seat are stand up bolsters with a actuator to move back and forth that come out of a Donzi and was shipped from Kansas. Everything that I have for the boat will be included and also have a few videos on my phone from this summer if interested. If you have any





#### Model: 1987? 202 Location: Pensacola, FL Asking Price: \$1,250

22 ft chris craft stinger 202 speed boat inboard 4.3 chevy with mercruiser alpha 1 outdrive. recently bought this boat as a project but decided i need to find somthing better on gas for my wife. the motor does not run but is all their. this is a project boat it needs floor work and interior. the guy i got it from took all the insides out to redo it and sold it as it is. It comes with a aluminum 19 pitch 3 blade prop & a 4 blade 25 pitch stainless prop also sets on a double axle boat trailer i do not have to sell it so dont try to offer me 500 bucks your waisting my time & yours i would be open to trade offers & a realistic cash offer





#### Model: 1985 260 Location: Morris, IL Asking Price: \$14,500

Well Cared For Twin Mercury 350's 260 HP Each Large Sundeck Drop Out Cushioned Bolsters Upholstery in Great Shape Same Owner last 8 years Hour Meter Shows 456 Hours Radar Arch Remote Spot/Flood Light Trim Tabs SS 4 Blade Props Custom Fitted Deep Swim Ladder on Swim Platform Compass Depth Finder Premier Stereo Head Unit W/Stack CD Unit Amp Satellite Capable JBL Speakers Cabin Sink Porta Potti VHF Radio Upgraded Throttle/Shifters W/Throttle and Shift Cables 3 Battery System W/Heavy Duty Wiring and Switch Exhaust Manifolds have been Upgraded Color Coordinated Cockpit Cover White Bottom Paint Upgraded Lighting for Cockpit Sundeck and Engine Room 2003 Galvanized Tandem Axle Trailer W/Electric Brakes Aluminum Wheels Side Guides and Spare Own A Classic for \$14,500 or Best Reasonable Offer

#### Model: 1988 260 Location: Hutto, TX Asking Price: \$14,900

Really nice sigar boat, fast and reliable. Always kept cover, with 2 inboard engine Mercury 350 HP each. New interior vinyl, new stereo system. Serious buyer only, asking \$14,900 OBO, price is negotiable.











railing with Teak swim step inserts at the rear. Basically what the boat needs is someone willing to apply a little TLC and put it back together. The engine is sound, but will need a basic tune-up and carb cleaning. It is quiet with through-prop exhaust, so you won't have the water patrol cops pulling you over. The boat comes with everything, including a custom TrailRite heavy duty tandem axle trailer with new tires and a custom made heavy duty boat cover. The boat and trailer have clean and clear titles in my name and have up-to-date registration. This boat is one of the best looking and coolest vehicles I have ever owned and received more looks and thumbs up than any Corvette, Camaro or Ferrari I've driven. It is a relatively inexpensive way to cruise the water in a boat that looks and performs like it cost a whole lot more. Pictures show actual exterior of the boat. Interior images are of what the stock cockpit looked like prior to having the custom upholstery done and VDO dash created. No scammers!! I will answer any questions you have and will arrange to show serious parties the boat. \$6100 or best REASONABLE OFFER!



#### Model: 1988 313 Location: North Palm Beach, FL Asking Price: \$15,000

Clean Chris Craft Stinger center console, Twin 225 Johnson Ocean Runners (One motor needs replacing), bolster seats, forward cabin, radar arch, 200 watt stereo (CD, USB and SD compatible)/four speakers, VHF, GPS, depth sounder/fish finder. Excellent for fishing and cruising. Boat needs some work, but for the price and what it needs this is an excellent value. MUST BE SEEN. Serious inquiries only. Boat is located in North Palm Beach on a trailer (not included)



1987 Chris Craft Stinger 222. Was just re powered with a NEW 454 450hp Mercruiser. Motor was bored .30 over with a mild cam with a 750 edelbrock carb. New timing chain and gears. New exhaust. ALL NEW!!! Out drive was rebuilt last summer. Runs mid 70's with a 3 blade 23p prop. Interior is a 7. Needs 2 seat bases re done. MINOR. Cabin is in good shape with lights and fans. Does need very very minor cosmetic work. Dual batteries with perko switch. Lenco trim tabs. Dual axle trailer. Trailer is in good condition. I only have a few pictures at the moment. I will gladly text you more pictures. NO PROP. THANKS

