



**August, 2018  
Newsletter**

Welcome to the August newsletter.

This past month 8 Stingers were added to the registry, bringing the total to 902, thus officially crossing the 900 mark! When I started this website, I didn't think there would be so many Stingers to document. But to me, each is unique and interesting, and I enjoy documenting every Stinger.

This month, two Stingers were added to the "For Sale" section of the website.

The first Stinger is a 1984 Stinger 390X located near Chicago. I've personally gone to see this boat (I try to do this with any Stinger nearby) and I can honestly say it's one of the nicest Stinger 390s I've seen. In

addition, the owner is a great guy and has some good stories regarding this boat. You can see the boat in the listing below or head on over to the website for [more pictures](#).



The second Stinger added to the "For Sale" section is a 1986 312 located in Schererville, IN. You can see this boat in the listing below or head on over to the website for [more pictures](#).



As a note, if you have a Stinger listed on the "For Sale" section of the website, and haven't contacted me in a while, please do so - I try to keep the boats listed for sale as up-to-date as possible and will delist a boat if I haven't heard from you in a while.

Until next month,  
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**Beware of These  
Stingers for Sale**

Quite of few Stingers have come up for sale recently, and because of this, I thought I'd take the time to warn of two boats that I see listed for sale that might not be what they seem.

The first boat to beware of is the following 1984 312:



The person posting the listings of this boat for sale has been doing so for years. These ads show up on Craigslist in all regions of the country. The title of the listings of this boat include:

- "1984 Chris / 682700 / Craft 312 Stinger"
- "Chris Craft 312 Stinger++++1984"
- "1984 Chris Craft 312//682700// Stinger".

The listings never include a phone number with them.

The boat pictured in the listings is a boat that used to be listed on [chriscraftstingers.com](http://chriscraftstingers.com),

and has since been completely redone, and no longer looks like the boat in the ad at all.

I've tried contacting the person listing this boat, but have never received a satisfactory response.

The second boat to be aware of is the following boat listed as a 1989 313 or alternatively as a 1989 311 (it is a 313):



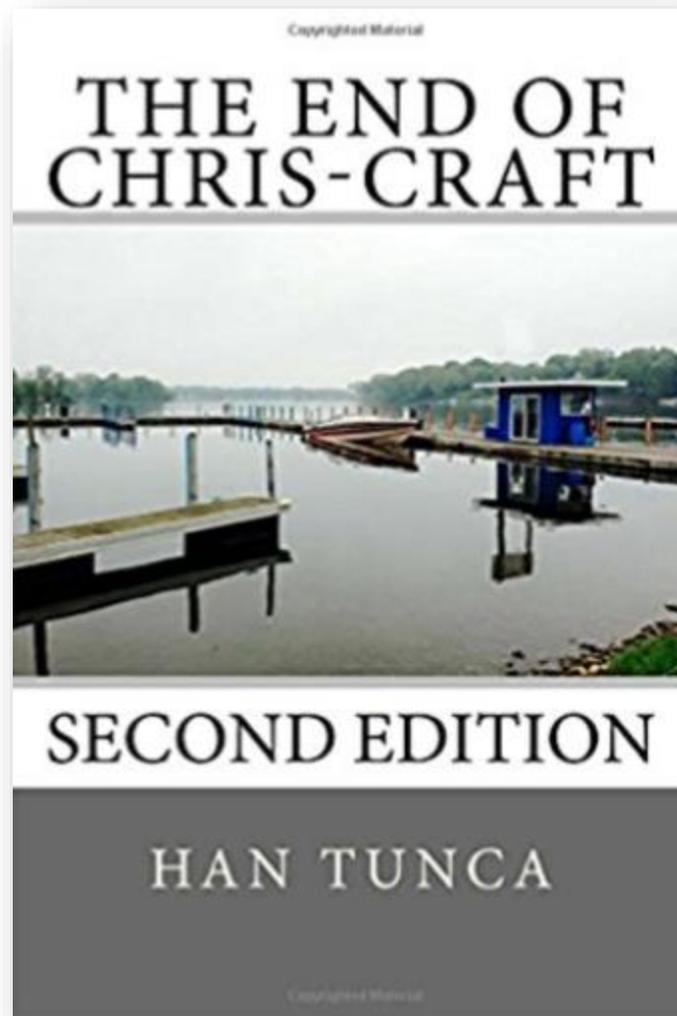
The boat is listed as being in Florida. Numerous postings for this boat show up on Craigslist as well as on eBay. The listing for the boat says that "it needs nothing".

Well, a prospective buyer of this boat felt it needed a little more than "nothing". In fact, this buyer posted a

warning on Craigslist saying that the boat was rotting out. He mentioned stepping on the floor it and depressing two inches. In addition he said the bracket had been cracked and welded, and the cabin smelled like mold.

I'm not in contact with the prospective buyer, so I can't confirm his description of the condition of the boat. Suffice it to say, if you are looking at buying this boat, however, do a thorough inspection.

When looking at any Stinger, please keep in mind that they are old boats. I've not personally seen one that "needs nothing" done. My advice is to hire a good surveyor to inspect any boat you may be considering - in the long run, doing so may save you a lot of money!



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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](mailto:ccstinger@gmail.com).



**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: 1986 312**  
**Location: Schererville, IN**  
**Asking Price: \$25,000**

1986 Chris-Craft Stinger 312 w/ Arc, 31.6'. Trailer, updated cabin, sink, sleeps 4. Twin 454's, Mirage Props, Borg Warner Trans & TRS Drives, Great sound system. This boat is in excellent condition. Fresh water it whole life no salt. Stored in a heated garage. Never outside or left at a slip. Solid hull and Stringers. Reasonable offers



**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 quite 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 well as 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 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: 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 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: Lake Lanier, GA**  
**Asking Price: \$12,500**

32 ft Chris craft power boat for sale. Twin 454 mercruiser trs drives. New Capt chair. New stereo. New carpet. Halon fire extinguisher. Engine wash thru for salt water. Over 10k in work done. all engine work done by Merlin marine. Very fun boat. Need to sell. Comes with trailer. I bought it off of original owner on lake lanier. Clean tittle. Current registration



**Model: 1984 390**  
**Location: San Antonio, TX**  
**Asking Price: \$49,500**

Likely, the finest original 1984 Stinger 390X in existence, particularly in the rare factory beige/brown/yellow/orange color scheme. Continues to have original hardware, colors, graphics, stereo, refrigerator, gauges, outdrives, engines, and MYCO trailer. Engines rebuilt Fall 2014, only 20 hours operation since. Trailer improved with disc brakes (were drum), new springs, master cylinder hitch assembly, tongue jack, line lock for backing, chains and more. Cabin now has Teak floor and brushed stainless fridge door. Cockpit updated with amplifier, Rockford-Fosgate speakers, stainless counter/sink top, Teak floor and trim, new upholstery, new gauge bezels and powder coated surrounds and more. Engines extremely well cared for and start/run well. Outdrives received new bellows and carrier bearings Fall 2014 as well. Fresh cockpit, deck and bottom Awlgrip Awlcraft 2000 paint with professionally applied silicone anti-skid finish. Most of this boat's life was in Portland, Oregon in fresh waters of the Columbia River. Always high-and-dry or trailered. Currently in Southern California. This boat is a joy to own/operate, and particularly rewarding when answering to compliments, questions and admiration wherever you take it! Mionli Vice is truly an important part of American boating history that is gaining value and more notoriety every day. It can be yours!



**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: \$6,995**

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

	<p>ahead of its time. This one has not been molested and turned into something it wasn't meant to be. Make me an Offer.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1986 222</b>  <b>Location: Benton, LA</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$10,500</b></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><b>Model: 1986 312</b>  <b>Location: Indianapolis, IN</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$21,500</b></p> <p>1986 Chris-Craft 312 Stinger. Twin 454 Mercruisers rebuilt to factory 420 specs. TRS drives with new props. Older repaint &amp; 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 &amp; 2 outside. Road cover, cockpit cover, bimini top. Shore power hook up, a very solid boat for the year. I removed the arch &amp; still have it. Trailer included. I can text or e-mail pics. Motivated seller, make offer. \$21,500. OBO.</p>
	<p><b>Model: 1987 390</b>  <b>Location: Flagstaff, AZ</b>  <b>Asking Price: \$65,000</b></p> <p>A PIECE OF HISTORY,THIS IT A GEORGE BUSH,RONALD REAGAN, BLUE THUNDER BOAT FROM THE DRUG WARS IN FLORIDA IN THE 80S. THIS BOAT WAS SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED FOR GOVERNMENT PURSUIT OF DRUG SPEED BOATS,IT NOW IS A LIVEABOARD TOY ,LEATHER WRAP AROUND COUCH,BATHROOM WITH SINK,KITCHEN SINK,FRIDGE,MICROWAVE,MASSIVE STORAGE,30 HRS ON NEW 568 BBC,TRS DRIVES,BORG WARNER TRANS, HAYLON SYSTEM,SHIP TO,SHORE ,GAFFRIG GAUGES,STERIO SYSTEM, ALUMINUM TRIPLE TRAYLOR, NEW TIRES AND BRGS, FRON BERTH BED,NEW UPHOLSTERY I HAVE BEEN A MECHANIC FOR 42 YEARS AND I OWN AUTO TECH PROS IN FLAGSTAFF THIS IS MY BOAT AND IM GOING BIGGER THANKS FOR LOOKING</p>



**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**  
**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 312 Fittipaldi**  
**Location: Chesterfield Township, MI**  
**Asking Price: \$24,995**

1988 Chris Craft 312 Stinger Fittipaldi Equipe. 32 feet long, twin GENV 502 HO engines, Bravo Ones, Three-axle trailer with new tires. 55MPH. Only 18 of these Boats are now to exist. Very rare.



**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: 1989 415**  
**Location: Brick, NJ**  
**Asking Price: \$44,900**

Fast, clean 415 Stinger. 550ci 700hp Bandit Engines with 150 hours. New paint with clear coat. Konrad 540 drives. Smooth hydraulic redundant steering. Steel trailer with new electric brakes included in sale. This Stinger has been built and maintained with an open checkbook! You won't find a nicer or faster 415 Stinger! Reasonably priced for a quick sale. \$44,900.



**Model: 1985 312**  
**Location: Athole, ID**  
**Asking Price: \$10,000**

I have a 1985 Chris Craft Stinger for sale. If you know about the boat you know what i have. Clean boat. Head turner.



**Model: 1985 260**  
**Location: Kitsap, WA**  
**Asking Price: \$9,850**

26' Chris-Craft offshore boat. See list below. \$9850.00 obo. No Craigs list crazy flakes and tire kickers please. There are no hidden issues in my boat. We used it at Lake Roosevelt, Crescent Bar and the Puget Sound. Day trip any time from Port Orchard to Anacortes with no issues. Twin 260hp 350cu.in. w/140 hrs Blocks, heads and rotating assemblies in both engines machined, balanced and weighed exactly the same Holley direct Quadrajet replacement 4 bbl carbs new with engine rebuild Alpha one Merc I/O stripped down to bare hull and rebuilt New water pumps in both I/O drives Fluids changed in engines and drives Gas tank drained and cleaned from sitting so much Engines Fresh Water cooled w/cockpit head Two main batteries new last season Marine MSD Pro-Billet distributors, coils and 6m boxes Remote Engine oil filters and engine oil drain hoses Marine K&N air filters New Fuel water separator on both engines Silent Choice Exhaust (Captains Call) Full Canopy with windows and bimini built in 2 sections for versatility (used for camping on board in San Juan Islands) Come with 2 complete sets of props (one stainless, one aluminum), anchor, lines, bumpers and lifjackets Used 4 times in last 3 years, Bad health reason for selling Garaged Purchased 6/28/2000 I'm the 2nd owner. First owner lived on Mason Lake Mechanically a 9 on a scale of 1-10 Reliable Turn key boat 62mph with 1/2 tank of gas 100 gallon fuel tank Port-o-potty for the ladies Trailer is 2006 aluminum i-beam bunk trailer w/reverse lock-out solenoid for backing up New brakes, seals and bearings cleaned/repacked last year Inexpensive, dependable way to own a twin engine offshore boat





**Model: 1987 260**  
**Location: Perryville, MD**  
**Asking Price: \$1,000**

This is a project boat Chris craft stinger 260 and DOES NOT INCLUDE TRAILER SO PLEASE DONT ASK! Just bought the boat for the trailer both engines are missing but set up for twin 350s would be a really cool boat once all back together also missing out drives but all the hook ups and wires seem to be all there comes with a lot of engine parts boat just needs tlc but over all a pretty cool boat looking for \$1000 obo or will trade for something else call for any more details please no calls or texts after 9:30pm can deliver with in a few miles of perryville Maryland



**Model: 1982 390**  
**Location: Burnham, ME**  
**Asking Price: \$13,000**

1982 Chris craft scorpion 390 has twin 454s 1 has about 30 hours other has about 125 boat runs and goes great has Borge Werner trannies and trs outdrives both were rebuilt in 2014 completely interior is in good shape the cabin needs to be totally done all that's there is 2 couches and front bed floors r all souls in 2014 we spent over \$14,000 in the boat has 2 stainless steel props sits on a triple axle I beam trailer great boat very reliable does about 60 mph



**Model: 1986 222**  
**Location: Lockport, NY**  
**Asking Price: \$6,000**

So here it is. My 1986 chris craft stinger 222 350 with an alpha 1 outdrive. I have owned this boat since 2015. Prior to that friends of mine have owned it for over 12 years and prior to that it came from somewhere down in western Pennsylvania. I stumbled upon this boat on accident simply looking for mercruiser accessories. I had to buy everything including the boat and it was the best decision I have ever made. I had a local engine builder put this 350 together. The heads, block and intake were all milled a small amount. Honed cylinders. All new valves and valve springs, gaskets etc. This engine has less than 20 hours on it. It has a holley 750 on it but I'm keeping it. It will has the Rochester quadrajet on it freshly rebuilt. It also has an edelbrock performer intake but a stock cam. The floor was new in 2015. I never got around to glassing it over so it just has carpet for now. The interior that was in the boat when stored for the first winter I owned it was destroyed by little asshole raccoons who decided to make this boat a nest to have babies. By the time I found them it was too late. Hence the foam in the cuddy. The carpet just needs some 3M 90 spray adhesive itll stick back no problem. The original side panels I still have. There is no remaining leather or foam. The bastards got that too. What you see in the pictures is



what is there. The gimbal ring had recently broke. The trim limit switches were never wired up right and I couldn't figure out how to get them wired properly. The switch stuck in the up position and the rams forced the outer housing to bind with the transom assembly and crack the gimbal ring. It only broke the outside. Not the inside not that it matters either way. This boat has gotten so many compliments and I absolutley hate to put it up for sale but I simply dont have the time and no longer a garage to work on it in. This kills me to sell it but one day when I'm in a better position to restore a boat I'll get another. This is a sweet boat. I know that when I had it in the water with the 21p prop it would run right about 54mph on the GPS on my phone. The trailer is a load-rite 1990 with 4 tires in great shape. The bearings coupe probably be repacked with grease. The lights work. Carpeted bunks. I know there aren't many boats like this out there and I know this does need some work to be finished but not a whole lot. My asking price is going to start at 6k and see what kind of offers I get. If anyone has any interest I will do my best to provide all the information I possibly can. The boat has a transferrable nys registration and a title for the trailer. Both in my name. Thank you for reading my post and dont hesitate to ask questions if I'm missing anything. One thing to add. I know there is a north Carolina license plate and the letter NC in the gell from the old number. The guy I got it from lived in north Carolina for 2 years and moved back home after changing jobs. It was never a salt water boat. I just want to make that clear.



**Model: 1984 260**  
**Location: Harrison Township, MI**  
**Asking Price: \$13,000**

1984 Chris craft Stinger in excellent condition. Twin 260 26ft



**Model: 1986 260**  
**Location: Snohomish, WA**  
**Asking Price: \$13,000**

'86 ChrisCraft Stinger 260 in good shape. Has twin Chevy 350's, both with less than 100 hours. Both upper outdrives have new bearings and seals. One lower was replace 2 years ago. Good upholstery.



**Model: 1985 260**  
**Location: Wellington, ON, Canada**  
**Asking Price: \$6,000**

26' 1985 Chris-Craft Stinger. Has 454 Mercruiser engine. Bravo 1 out drive. Stainless steel prop. Thru hull exhaust. Custom candy apple red paint job. Boat is located in Abrams Village \$6000.



**Model: 1986 260**  
**Location: Marcellus, NY**  
**Asking Price: \$4,500**

1986 Chris Craft Stinger 260. Twin 350s w/ alpha one drives. Brand new props (21P). Both engines have fresh heads. New exhaust water shutters. Everything functions properly. Interior showing age. \$5500 obo some trades considered. Have transferable reg for boat nothing for homemade trailer. Trailer has all new wheel bearings. Has car tires on it.



**Model: 1984 260**  
**Location: Middletown, NY**  
**Asking Price: \$4,500**

1986 chris craft 260 stinger. Twin Chevy 350s with Alpha Drives. Boat was in the water last year runs and drives fine I took one out drive off to change the impeller and took one starter out to rebuild it the starter needs to be reinstalled on the port side and the outdrive as well. The rear seat was taken out to get redone but has not been I also do not have rearpads for the engine hatchs. The swimplatform is broken could be repaired. Everything else works fine on the boat. It has factory thru hull exhaust above the swim platform. Boat comes with a shorelander trailer in great shape. It is still currently winterized and shrink-wrapped. It will need new batteries. Salad bowl with a little bit of TLC. Asking \$4500. The engines and drives are all stock and worth well what I'm asking. Please do not waste my time. Serious Inquiries only. Come look with cash and tow it home the same day.



**Model: 1984 260**  
**Location: Buffalo, NY**  
**Asking Price:**

For Sale - 1984 Chris Craft Stinger with Twin 350 260HP Mercruisers and Alpha one drives. Drives have stainless steel Michigan props. Comes with an Aluminum Venture Trailer with surge brakes and LED lights, purchased new. New interior upholstery with McLeod hydraulic drop down bolster seats. Boat starts and runs great. Max speed is 60 MPH on GPS and cruises great at 50 MPH. Cabin is spacious and clean. Also has bimini top and canvas cockpit cover. Still winterized from last year.



**Model: 1984 390**  
**Location: Jersey City, NJ**  
**Asking Price: \$20,000**

1984 Chris Craft Cigarette for sale in Parsippany on Facebook Marketplace 1984 Chris Craft Cigarette Cabin Cruiser. Twin 454 with Rebuilt outdrives. Started restoring....too much to list. Outside cushions were reupholstered to original color.



**Model: 1987 260**  
**Location: Sandusk, OH**  
**Asking Price: \$10,000**

Chris Craft Stinger Twin 260 Drives bravo 1 Cuddy cabin